Facesheet: 1. Request Information (1 of 2)

A. The **State** of **Louisiana** requests a waiver/amendment under the authority of section 1915(b) of the Act. The Medicaid agency will directly operate the waiver.

B. Name of Waiver Program(s): Please list each program name the waiver authorizes.

Short title (nickname)	Long title	Type of Program	
DBP	Dental Benefit Program	PAHP;	

Waiver Application Title (*optional - this title will be used to locate this waiver in the finder*):

Dental Benefit Program

C. Type of Request. This is an:

☒ **Renewal request.**

☒ **The State has used this waiver format for its previous waiver period.**

The renewal modifies (Sect/Part):

- Facesheet;
- Section A/Part I Tribal Consultation; Program History; Populations (Other: Language update)
- Section A/Part IV B: Information to enrollees (Remove Open enrollment reference); C: Enrollment and Disenrollment (Remove Open enrollment reference); C.2.d. add language
- Section B/Part I;
- Section B/Part II;
- Section C/Part I;
- Section D

Requested Approval Period:*(For waivers requesting three, four, or five year approval periods, the waiver must serve individuals who are dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare.)*

○ **1 year**

○ **2 years**

○ **3 years**

○ **4 years**

◉ **5 years**

Draft ID:LA.040.03.00
Waiver Number:LA.0005.R03.00

D. Effective Dates: This renewal is requested for a period of 5 years. (For beginning date for an initial or renewal request, please choose first day of a calendar quarter, if possible, or if not, the first day of a month. For an amendment, please identify the implementation date as the beginning date, and end of the waiver period as the end date)

Proposed Effective Date: (mm/dd/yy)

07/01/26

Proposed End Date:

Waiver Year #1: 07/01/2026 - 06/30/2027

Waiver Year #2: 07/01/2027 - 06/30/2028

Waiver Year #3: 07/01/2028 - 06/30/2029

Waiver Year #4: 07/01/2029 - 06/30/2030

Waiver Year #5: 07/01/2030 - 06/30/2031

Facesheet: 2. State Contact(s) (2 of 2)

E. State Contact: The state contact person for this waiver is below:

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If the State contact information is different for any of the authorized programs, please check the program name below and provide the contact information.
The State contact information is different for the following programs:

☐ **Dental Benefit Program**

Note: If no programs appear in this list, please define the programs authorized by this waiver on the first page of the

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Tribal consultation.
For initial and renewal waiver requests, please describe the efforts the State has made to ensure Federally recognized tribes in the State are aware of and have had the opportunity to comment on this waiver proposal.

The State provided notification of its intent to renew the waiver on December 3, 2025 to all federally recognized tribes in the State. A copy of the notification letter was uploaded into the Waiver Management System portal. No comments were received as a result of the letter.

Program History.
For renewal waivers, please provide a brief history of the program(s) authorized under the waiver. Include implementation date and major milestones (phase-in timeframe; new populations added; major new features of existing program; new programs added).

In June 2012, the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) transitioned its Medicaid delivery system to a statewide managed care model in order to improve access to care, enhance care coordination, and promote cost-effective service delivery for Medicaid beneficiaries. Under this model, managed care organizations (MCOs) deliver covered services through contracted provider networks in accordance with federal and state requirements. On January 8, 2014, LDH issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to transition Medicaid and Children?s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) State Plan dental services from a Fee-For-Service (FFS) delivery system to a statewide Dental Benefit Program (DBP) operated as a Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP). The DBP was designed to improve access to dental services, strengthen network management, enhance care coordination, and promote improved oral health outcomes for approximately 1.2 million eligible Medicaid and CHIP enrollees.

Following a competitive procurement process that included a consensus-based scoring methodology, LDH selected a qualified Dental Benefit Plan contractor on March 21, 2014. Prior to implementation, LDH conducted a comprehensive readiness review to ensure compliance with all contractual and federal requirements. The dental contractor was required to demonstrate statewide network adequacy, sufficient administrative and clinical staffing, and the ability to meet all deliverables outlined in the RFP, including provider credentialing, utilization management, member & provider services, quality strategies, and grievance and appeal processes.

On June 23, 2014, CMS approved Louisiana?s request to operate the DBP as a PAHP under the authority granted through a 1915(b) waiver approval. After readiness review LDH successfully transitioned to managed dental care on July 1, 2014. Under the initial DBP contract, a single statewide contractor was responsible for establishing and maintaining a comprehensive dental provider network capable of delivering quality, cost-effective dental services. The contractor was also required to conduct extensive education and outreach activities for dental providers, and enrollees, the Louisiana Dental Association.

Effective July 1, 2016, Louisiana expanded Medicaid eligibility pursuant to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), extending coverage to adults aged 19 through 64 with incomes up to 138% of the federal poverty level. As a result, more than 300,000 previously uninsured individuals gained Medicaid coverage which included dental services through the dental benefit program.

To fulfill beneficiary choice and strengthen program performance, In February 2020, LDH announced its intent to competitively procure multiple DBP contractors. Following an RFP issued in June 2019, LDH selected two qualified dental benefit plans. For the first time, Medicaid beneficiaries were afforded the opportunity to select a dental plan during an open enrollment period held from October 15, 2020, through November 30, 2020. Effective January 1, 2021, the selected contractors assumed responsibility for providing covered Medicaid dental benefits to eligible children and adults statewide.

In addition to the State Plan dental benefit, Louisiana incrementally expanded comprehensive dental services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). Effective July 1, 2022, dental services were added for beneficiaries enrolled in I/DD 1915(c) waiver programs. And, on May 1, 2023, comprehensive dental services were further extended to I/DD adults residing in Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs).

Beginning January 1, 2025, LDH implemented a value-based, state-directed Dental Incentive Payment Program (DIPP) to incentivize quality performance among participating general and pediatric dentists. This program aligns with the State?s quality strategy and is intended to promote oral wellness, preventive care, and improved health outcomes through improvements in three quality performance measures.

Since implementation in 2014, the DBP has demonstrated measurable improvements in access to general and specialty dental services, care coordination, and quality of care. Network adequacy standards have improved provider availability in both urban and rural areas, thus reducing travel distances and appointment wait times for beneficiaries. Dedicated member and provider call centers support benefit navigation and care coordination; while utilization management processes, including pre-payment clinical review, help ensure that services are medically necessary and provided in accordance with evidence-based standards.

Additionally, the DBP has enabled LDH to deliver targeted dental education through multiple communication channels, including electronic communications, newsletters, automated outreach, and mobile applications.

LDH anticipates that continued operation of the DBP as a PAHP will further support the State?s objectives of:

? Improving coordination of dental care;
? Enhancing access to dental services;
? Advancing quality of care and oral health outcomes;
? Promoting preventive care and oral health education;
? Encouraging personal responsibility and self-management of oral health;
? Maintaining a financially sustainable provider reimbursement system; and
? Achieving cost efficient net savings when compared to the former FFS delivery system.

Currently, Medicaid dental services in Louisiana continue to be delivered through a carved-out Dental Benefit Program. The program serves over 1.3 million individuals across four covered service benefit programs: EPSDT Dental Program, the Adult Denture Program, the Adult Waiver Programs and the Adult ICF I/DD Program. Accordingly, the State seeks renewal of its section 1915(b) waiver authority to continue selective contracting and statewide operation of the DBP in accordance with federal requirements.

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A. Statutory Authority (1 of 3)

1. **Waiver Authority.** The State's waiver program is authorized under section 1915(b) of the Act, which permits the Secretary to waive provisions of section 1902 for certain purposes. Specifically, the State is relying upon authority provided in the following subsection(s) of the section 1915(b) of the Act (if more than one program authorized by this waiver, please list applicable programs below each relevant authority):

   a. ☒ **1915(b)(1)** - The State requires enrollees to obtain medical care through a primary care case management (PCCM) system or specialty physician services arrangements. This includes mandatory capitated programs.
   -- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority*

   ☒ **DBP**

   b. ☒ **1915(b)(2)** - A locality will act as a central broker (agent, facilitator, negotiator) in assisting eligible individuals in choosing among PCCMs or competing MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs in order to provide enrollees with more information about the range of health care options open to them.
   -- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority*

   ☒ **DBP**

   c. ☐ **1915(b)(3)** - The State will share cost savings resulting from the use of more cost-effective medical care with enrollees by providing them with additional services. The savings must be expended for the benefit of the Medicaid beneficiary enrolled in the waiver. Note: this can only be requested in conjunction with section 1915(b)(1) or (b)(4) authority.
   -- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority*

   ☐ **DBP**

   d. ☒ **1915(b)(4)** - The State requires enrollees to obtain services only from specified providers who undertake to provide such services and meet reimbursement, quality, and utilization standards which are consistent with access, quality, and efficient and economic provision of covered care and services. The State assures it will comply with 42 CFR 431.55(f).
   -- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this authority*

   ☒ **DBP**

   The 1915(b)(4) waiver applies to the following programs

   ☐ **MCO**

   ☐ **PIHP**

   ☒ **PAHP**

   ☐ **PCCM** (Note: please check this item if this waiver is for a PCCM program that limits who is eligible to be a primary care case manager. That is, a program that requires PCCMs to meet certain quality/utilization criteria beyond the minimum requirements required to be a fee-for-service Medicaid contracting provider.)

   ☐ **FFS** Selective Contracting program
   Please describe:

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A. Statutory Authority (2 of 3)

2. **Sections Waived.** Relying upon the authority of the above section(s), the State requests a waiver of the following sections of 1902 of the Act (if this waiver authorizes multiple programs, please list program(s) separately under each applicable statute):

   a. ☐ **Section 1902(a)(1)** - Statewideness--This section of the Act requires a Medicaid State plan to be in effect in all

political subdivisions of the State. This waiver program is not available throughout the State.
-- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute*

☐ **DBP**

b. ☐ **Section 1902(a)(10)(B)** - Comparability of Services--This section of the Act requires all services for categorically needy individuals to be equal in amount, duration, and scope. This waiver program includes additional benefits such as case management and health education that will not be available to other Medicaid beneficiaries not enrolled in the waiver program.
-- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute*

☐ **DBP**

c. ☒ **Section 1902(a)(23)** - Freedom of Choice--This Section of the Act requires Medicaid State plans to permit all individuals eligible for Medicaid to obtain medical assistance from any qualified provider in the State. Under this program, free choice of providers is restricted. That is, beneficiaries enrolled in this program must receive certain services through an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.
-- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute*

☒ **DBP**

d. ☐ **Section 1902(a)(4)** - To permit the State to mandate beneficiaries into a single PIHP or PAHP, and restrict disenrollment from them. (If state seeks waivers of additional managed care provisions, please list here).

-- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute*

☐ **DBP**

e. ☐ **Other Statutes and Relevant Regulations Waived** - Please list any additional section(s) of the Act the State requests to waive, and include an explanation of the request.

-- *Specify Program Instance(s) applicable to this statute*

☐ **DBP**

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A. Statutory Authority (3 of 3)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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B. Delivery Systems (1 of 3)

1. Delivery Systems. The State will be using the following systems to deliver services:

a. ☐ **MCO:** Risk-comprehensive contracts are fully-capitated and require that the contractor be an MCO or

HIO. Comprehensive means that the contractor is at risk for inpatient hospital services and any other mandatory State plan service in section 1905(a), or any three or more mandatory services in that section. References in this preprint to MCOs generally apply to these risk-comprehensive entities.

b. ☐ **PIHP:** Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan means an entity that: (1) provides medical services to enrollees under contract with the State agency, and on the basis of prepaid capitation payments or other payment arrangements that do not use State Plan payment rates; (2) provides, arranges for, or otherwise has responsibility for the provision of any inpatient hospital or institutional services for its enrollees; and (3) does not have a comprehensive risk contract. Note: this includes MCOs paid on a non-risk basis.

- ○ **The PIHP is paid on a risk basis**
- ○ **The PIHP is paid on a non-risk basis**

c. ☒ **PAHP:** Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan means an entity that: (1) provides medical services to enrollees under contract with the State agency, and on the basis of prepaid capitation payments, or other payment arrangements that do not use State Plan payment rates; (2) does not provide or arrange for, and is not otherwise responsible for the provision of any inpatient hospital or institutional services for its enrollees; and (3) does not have a comprehensive risk contract. This includes capitated PCCMs.

- ◉ **The PAHP is paid on a risk basis**
- ○ **The PAHP is paid on a non-risk basis**

d. ☐ **PCCM:** A system under which a primary care case manager contracts with the State to furnish case management services. Reimbursement is on a fee-for-service basis. Note: a capitated PCCM is a PAHP.

e. ☐ **Fee-for-service (FFS) selective contracting:** State contracts with specified providers who are willing to meet certain reimbursement, quality, and utilization standards.

- ○ **the same as stipulated in the state plan**
- ○ **different than stipulated in the state plan**

Please describe:

f. ☐ **Other:** (Please provide a brief narrative description of the model.)

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B. Delivery Systems (2 of 3)

2. Procurement. The State selected the contractor in the following manner. Please complete for each type of managed care entity utilized (e.g. procurement for MCO; procurement for PIHP, etc):

☐ **Procurement for MCO**

- ○ **Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)
- ○ **Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)
- ○ **Sole source** procurement

- ○ **Other** (please describe)

☐ **Procurement for PIHP**

- ○ **Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)
- ○ **Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)
- ○ **Sole source** procurement
- ○ **Other** (please describe)

☒ **Procurement for PAHP**

- ◉ **Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)
- ○ **Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)
- ○ **Sole source** procurement
- ○ **Other** (please describe)

☐ **Procurement for PCCM**

- ○ **Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)
- ○ **Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)
- ○ **Sole source** procurement
- ○ **Other** (please describe)

☐ **Procurement for FFS**

- ○ **Competitive** procurement process (e.g. Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid that is formally advertised and targets a wide audience)
- ○ **Open** cooperative procurement process (in which any qualifying contractor may participate)
- ○ **Sole source** procurement
- ○ **Other** (please describe)

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B. Delivery Systems (3 of 3)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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C. Choice of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs (1 of 3)

1. Assurances.

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(3) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.52, which require that a State that mandates Medicaid beneficiaries to enroll in an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM must give those beneficiaries a choice of at least two entities.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1932(a)(3) of the Act, which requires States to offer a choice of more than one PIHP or PAHP per 42 CFR 438.52. Please describe how the State will ensure this lack of choice of PIHP or PAHP is not detrimental to beneficiaries? ability to access services.

2. Details. The State will provide enrollees with the following choices (please replicate for each program in waiver):

Program: " **Dental Benefit Program.** *"*

☐ **Two or more MCOs**

☐ **Two or more primary care providers within one PCCM system.**

☐ **A PCCM or one or more MCOs**

☐ **Two or more PIHPs.**

☒ **Two or more PAHPs.**

☐ **Other:**
please describe

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C. Choice of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs (2 of 3)

3. Rural Exception.

☐ The State seeks an exception for rural area residents under section 1932(a)(3)(B) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.52(b), and assures CMS that it will meet the requirements in that regulation, including choice of physicians or case managers, and ability to go out of network in specified circumstances. The State will use the rural exception in the following areas ("rural area" must be defined as any area other than an "urban area" as defined in 42 CFR 412.62(f)(1)(ii)):

4. 1915(b)(4) Selective Contracting.

○ **Beneficiaries will be limited to a single provider in their service area**
Please define service area.

◉ **Beneficiaries will be given a choice of providers in their service area**

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C. Choice of MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and PCCMs (3 of 3)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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D. Geographic Areas Served by the Waiver (1 of 2)

1. **General.** Please indicate the area of the State where the waiver program will be implemented. (If the waiver authorizes more than one program, please list applicable programs below item(s) the State checks.
   - **Statewide** -- all counties, zip codes, or regions of the State
     -- *Specify Program Instance(s) for Statewide*

     ☒ **DBP**
   - **Less than Statewide**
     -- *Specify Program Instance(s) for Less than Statewide*

     ☐ **DBP**
2. **Details.** Regardless of whether item 1 or 2 is checked above, please list in the chart below the areas (i.e., cities, counties, and/or regions) and the name and type of entity or program (MCO, PIHP, PAHP, HIO, PCCM or other entity) with which the State will contract.

City/County/Region	Type of Program (PCCM, MCO, PIHP, or PAHP)	Name of Entity (for MCO, PIHP, PAHP)	
Statewide	PAHP	Dental Benefit Plan	

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D. Geographic Areas Served by the Waiver (2 of 2)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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E. Populations Included in Waiver (1 of 3)

Please note that the eligibility categories of Included Populations and Excluded Populations below may be modified as needed to

fit the State?s specific circumstances.

1. **Included Populations.** The following populations are included in the Waiver Program:

☒ **Section 1931 Children and Related Populations** are children including those eligible under Section 1931, poverty-level related groups and optional groups of older children.

- ◉ **Mandatory enrollment**
- ○ **Voluntary enrollment**

☒ **Section 1931 Adults and Related Populations** are adults including those eligible under Section 1931, poverty-level pregnant women and optional group of caretaker relatives.

- ◉ **Mandatory enrollment**
- ○ **Voluntary enrollment**

☒ **Blind/Disabled Adults and Related Populations** are beneficiaries, age 18 or older, who are eligible for Medicaid due to blindness or disability. Report Blind/Disabled Adults who are age 65 or older in this category, not in Aged.

- ◉ **Mandatory enrollment**
- ○ **Voluntary enrollment**

☒ **Blind/Disabled Children and Related Populations** are beneficiaries, generally under age 18, who are eligible for Medicaid due to blindness or disability.

- ◉ **Mandatory enrollment**
- ○ **Voluntary enrollment**

☒ **Aged and Related Populations** are those Medicaid beneficiaries who are age 65 or older and not members of the Blind/Disabled population or members of the Section 1931 Adult population.

- ◉ **Mandatory enrollment**
- ○ **Voluntary enrollment**

☒ **Foster Care Children** are Medicaid beneficiaries who are receiving foster care or adoption assistance (Title IV-E), are in foster-care, or are otherwise in an out-of-home placement.

- ◉ **Mandatory enrollment**
- ○ **Voluntary enrollment**

☒ **TITLE XXI SCHIP** is an optional group of targeted low-income children who are eligible to participate in Medicaid if the State decides to administer the State Children?s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) through the Medicaid program.

- ◉ **Mandatory enrollment**
- ○ **Voluntary enrollment**

☒ **Other** (Please define):

Individuals eligible under the newly created former foster care children under age 26 years eligibility category will be included in the program as a mandatory population.

Individuals residing in a nursing facility will also be included in the program as a mandatory population.

Medicaid beneficiaries who reside in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs) are also a mandatory population.
Medicaid Expansion Individuals:
1. Individuals without dependent child in home who are age 19-64 with gross income using MAGI methodology less than 138% FPL and who are not eligible for Medicare or already getting Medicaid as of 7/1/16.

2. Individuals with dependent child in home who are age 19-64 with gross income using MAGI methodology of 25% or more but less than 138% FPL, who are not eligible for Medicare, and not already getting Medicaid as of 7/1/16 or eligible for Medicaid using MAGI methodology (income below 25% FPL; Pregnant Woman with income below 200% FPL)

Adults enrolled in one of the three OCDD 1915(c) waivers including New Opportunities (LA.0401), Residential Options (LA.0472), and Supports (LA.0453) are currently enrolled under the 1915(b) waiver and receive State Plan services. These individuals receive enhanced dental services authorized under the 1915(c) authority.

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2. **Excluded Populations.** Within the groups identified above, there may be certain groups of individuals who are excluded from the Waiver Program. For example, the ?Aged? population may be required to enroll into the program, but ?Dual Eligibles? within that population may not be allowed to participate. In addition, ?Section 1931 Children? may be able to enroll voluntarily in a managed care program, but ?Foster Care Children? within that population may be excluded from that program. Please indicate if any of the following populations are excluded from participating in the Waiver Program:

☐ **Medicare Dual Eligible** --Individuals entitled to Medicare and eligible for some category of Medicaid benefits. (Section 1902(a)(10) and Section 1902(a)(10)(E))

☐ **Poverty Level Pregnant Women** -- Medicaid beneficiaries, who are eligible only while pregnant and for a short time after delivery. This population originally became eligible for Medicaid under the SOBRA legislation.

☐ **Other Insurance** --Medicaid beneficiaries who have other health insurance.

☐ **Reside in Nursing Facility or ICF/IID** --Medicaid beneficiaries who reside in Nursing Facilities (NF) or Intermediate Care Facilities for the Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).

☐ **Enrolled in Another Managed Care Program** --Medicaid beneficiaries who are enrolled in another Medicaid managed care program

☐ **Eligibility Less Than 3 Months** --Medicaid beneficiaries who would have less than three months of Medicaid eligibility remaining upon enrollment into the program.

☐ **Participate in HCBS Waiver** --Medicaid beneficiaries who participate in a Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBS, also referred to as a 1915(c) waiver).

☐ **American Indian/Alaskan Native** --Medicaid beneficiaries who are American Indians or Alaskan Natives and members of federally recognized tribes.

☐ **Special Needs Children (State Defined)** --Medicaid beneficiaries who are special needs children as defined by the State. Please provide this definition.

☐ **SCHIP Title XXI Children** ? Medicaid beneficiaries who receive services through the SCHIP program.

☐ **Retroactive Eligibility** ? Medicaid beneficiaries for the period of retroactive eligibility.

☒ **Other** (Please define):

Individuals who are residing in out-of-state facilities are excluded from the DBP.

Individuals who are residing in a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

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E. Populations Included in Waiver (3 of 3)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

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F. Services (1 of 5)

List all services to be offered under the Waiver in Appendices D2.S. and D2.A of Section D, Cost-Effectiveness.

1. Assurances.

☒ The State assures CMS that services under the Waiver Program will comply with the following federal requirements:

- Services will be available in the same amount, duration, and scope as they are under the State Plan per 42 CFR 438.210(a)(2).
- Access to emergency services will be assured per section 1932(b)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.114.
- Access to family planning services will be assured per section 1905(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 431.51(b)

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs. Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any. (See note below for limitations on requirements that may be waived).

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of 42 CFR 438.210(a)(2), 438.114, and 431.51 (Coverage of Services, Emergency Services, and Family Planning) as applicable. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to

enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply. The State assures CMS that services will be available in the same amount, duration, and scope as they are under the State Plan.

☒ The state assures CMS that it complies with Title I of the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003, in so far as these requirements are applicable to this waiver.

Note: Section 1915(b) of the Act authorizes the Secretary to waive most requirements of section 1902 of the Act for the purposes listed in sections 1915(b)(1)-(4) of the Act. However, within section 1915(b) there are prohibitions on waiving the following subsections of section 1902 of the Act for any type of waiver program:

- Section 1902(s) -- adjustments in payment for inpatient hospital services furnished to infants under age 1, and to children under age 6 who receive inpatient hospital services at a Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) facility.
- Sections 1902(a)(15) and 1902(bb) ? prospective payment system for FQHC/RHC
- Section 1902(a)(10)(A) as it applies to 1905(a)(2)(C) ? comparability of FQHC benefits among Medicaid beneficiaries
- Section 1902(a)(4)(C) -- freedom of choice of family planning providers
- Sections 1915(b)(1) and (4) also stipulate that section 1915(b) waivers may not waive freedom of choice of emergency services providers.

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2. **Emergency Services.** In accordance with sections 1915(b) and 1932(b) of the Act, and 42 CFR 431.55 and 438.114, enrollees in an MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM must have access to emergency services without prior authorization, even if the emergency services provider does not have a contract with the entity.

   ☒ The PAHP, PAHP, or FFS Selective Contracting program does not cover emergency services.

   Emergency Services Category General Comments (optional):

   The DBP will be responsible for emergency services related to dental care consistent with coverage under the State plan.

3. **Family Planning Services.** In accordance with sections 1905(a)(4) and 1915(b) of the Act, and 42 CFR 431.51(b), prior authorization of, or requiring the use of network providers for family planning services is prohibited under the waiver program. Out-of-network family planning services are reimbursed in the following manner:

   ☐ The MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be required to reimburse out-of-network family planning services.

   ☐ The MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be required to pay for family planning services from network providers, and the State will pay for family planning services from out-of-network providers.

   ☐ The State will pay for all family planning services, whether provided by network or out-of-network providers.

   ☐ Other (please explain):

   ☒ Family planning services are not included under the waiver.

Family Planning Services Category General Comments (optional):

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4. **FQHC Services.** In accordance with section 2088.6 of the State Medicaid Manual, access to Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) services will be assured in the following manner:

☐ The program is **voluntary**, and the enrollee can disenroll at any time if he or she desires access to FQHC services. The MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM is not required to provide FQHC services to the enrollee during the enrollment period.

☒ The program is **mandatory** and the enrollee is guaranteed a choice of at least one MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM which has at least one FQHC as a participating provider. If the enrollee elects not to select a MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM that gives him or her access to FQHC services, no FQHC services will be required to be furnished to the enrollee while the enrollee is enrolled with the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM he or she selected. Since reasonable access to FQHC services will be available under the waiver program, FQHC services outside the program will not be available. Please explain how the State will guarantee all enrollees will have a choice of at least one MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM with a participating FQHC:

The DBP must offer a contract to all FQHCs and RHCs appropriately licensed to provide dental services under State law and meet the provider qualifications outlined in the State Plan for applicable services. Enrollees will have a choice of available providers in the plan?s network.

☐ The program is **mandatory** and the enrollee has the right to obtain FQHC services **outside** this waiver program through the regular Medicaid Program.

FQHC Services Category General Comments (optional):

5. **EPSDT Requirements.**

☒ The managed care programs(s) will comply with the relevant requirements of sections 1905(a)(4)(b) (services), 1902(a)(43) (administrative requirements including informing, reporting, etc.), and 1905(r) (definition) of the Act related to Early, Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) program.

EPSDT Requirements Category General Comments (optional):

Section A: Program Description

Part I: Program Overview

F. Services (4 of 5)

6. **1915(b)(3) Services.**

☐ This waiver includes 1915(b)(3) expenditures. The services must be for medical or health-related care, or other services as described in 42 CFR Part 440, and are subject to CMS approval. Please describe below what these expenditures are for each waiver program that offers them. Include a description of the populations eligible, provider type, geographic availability, and reimbursement method.

1915(b)(3) Services Requirements Category General Comments:

7. Self-referrals.

☒ The State requires MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs to allow enrollees to self-refer (i.e. access without prior authorization) under the following circumstances or to the following subset of services in the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM contract:

Self-referrals Requirements Category General Comments:

Enrollees may self-refer (without prior approval) for dental emergency services and EPSDT dental screening services.

8. Other.

☒ Other (Please describe)

Adults enrolled in one of the three OCDD 1915(c) waivers including New Opportunities (LA.0401), Residential Options (LA.0472), and Supports (LA.0453) will have access to dental services outside of the State Plan benefit. These services are authorized by each 1915(c) waiver and provide an enhanced dental benefit to these populations.

Section A: Program Description

Part I: Program Overview

F. Services (5 of 5)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

A. Timely Access Standards (1 of 7)

Each State must ensure that all services covered under the State plan are available and accessible to enrollees of the 1915(b) Waiver Program. Section 1915(b) of the Act prohibits restrictions on beneficiaries? access to emergency services and family planning services.

1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206

Availability of Services; in so far as these requirements are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

If the 1915(b) Waiver Program does not include a PCCM component, please continue with Part II.B. Capacity Standards.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

A. Timely Access Standards (2 of 7)

2. Details for PCCM program. The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below the activities the State uses to assure timely access to services.

a. ☐ **Availability Standards.** The State?s PCCM Program includes established maximum distance and/or travel time requirements, given beneficiary?s normal means of transportation, for waiver enrollees? access to the following providers. For each provider type checked, please describe the standard.

1. ☐ PCPs

Please describe:

2. ☐ Specialists

Please describe:

3. ☐ Ancillary providers

Please describe:

4. ☐ Dental

Please describe:

5. ☐ Hospitals

Please describe:

6. ☐ Mental Health

Please describe:

7. ☐ Pharmacies

Please describe:

8. ☐ Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

Please describe:

9. ☐ Other providers

Please describe:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

A. Timely Access Standards (3 of 7)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

b. ☐ **Appointment Scheduling**means the time before an enrollee can acquire an appointment with his or her provider for both urgent and routine visits. The State?s PCCM Program includes established standards for appointment scheduling for waiver enrollee?s access to the following providers.

1. ☐ PCPs

Please describe:

2. ☐ Specialists

Please describe:

3. ☐ Ancillary providers

Please describe:

4. ☐ Dental

Please describe:

5. ☐ Mental Health

Please describe:

6. ☐ Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

Please describe:

7. ☐ Urgent care

Please describe:

8. ☐ Other providers

Please describe:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

A. Timely Access Standards (4 of 7)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

c. ☐ **In-Office Waiting Times**: The State?s PCCM Program includes established standards for in-office waiting times. For each provider type checked, please describe the standard.

1. ☐ PCPs

Please describe:

2. ☐ Specialists

Please describe:

3. ☐ Ancillary providers

Please describe:

4. ☐ Dental

Please describe:

5. ☐ Mental Health

Please describe:

6. ☐ Substance Abuse Treatment Providers

Please describe:

7. ☐ Other providers

Please describe:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

A. Timely Access Standards (5 of 7)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

d. ☐ **Other Access Standards**

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

A. Timely Access Standards (6 of 7)

3. Details for 1915(b)(4)FFS selective contracting programs: Please describe how the State assures timely access to the services covered under the selective contracting program.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

A. Timely Access Standards (7 of 7)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

B. Capacity Standards (1 of 6)

1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(b)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.207 Assurances of adequate capacity and services, in so far as these requirements are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(b)(5) and 42 CFR 438.207 Assurances of adequate capacity and services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

If the 1915(b) Waiver Program does not include a PCCM component, please continue with Part II, C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

B. Capacity Standards (2 of 6)

2. Details for PCCM program. The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below which of the strategies the State uses assure adequate provider capacity in the PCCM program.

a. ☐ The State has set **enrollment limits** for each PCCM primary care provider.

Please describe the enrollment limits and how each is determined:

b. ☐ The State ensures that there are adequate number of PCCM PCPs with **open panels**.

Please describe the State?s standard:

c. ☐ The State ensures that there is an **adequate number** of PCCM PCPs under the waiver assure access to all services covered under the Waiver.

Please describe the State?s standard for adequate PCP capacity:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

B. Capacity Standards (3 of 6)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

d. ☐ The State compares **numbers of providers** before and during the Waiver.

Provider Type	# Before Waiver	# in Current Waiver	# Expected in Renewal	

Please note any limitations to the data in the chart above:

e. ☐ The State ensures adequate **geographic distribution** of PCCMs.

Please describe the State's standard:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

B. Capacity Standards (4 of 6)

2. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

f. ☐ **PCP:Enrollee Ratio**. The State establishes standards for PCP to enrollee ratios.

Area/(City/County/Region)	PCCM-to-Enrollee Ratio	

Please note any changes that will occur due to the use of physician extenders.:

g. ☐ **Other capacity standards**.

Please describe:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

B. Capacity Standards (5 of 6)

3. Details for 1915(b)(4)FFS selective contracting programs: Please describe how the State assures provider capacity has not been negatively impacted by the selective contracting program. Also, please provide a detailed capacity analysis of the number of beds (by type, per facility) ? for facility programs, or vehicles (by type, per contractor) ? for non-emergency transportation programs, needed per location to assure sufficient capacity under the waiver program. This analysis should consider increased enrollment and/or utilization expected under the waiver.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

B. Capacity Standards (6 of 6)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (1 of 5)

1. Assurances for MCO, PIHP, or PAHP programs

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services; in so far as these requirements are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(i) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.206 Availability of Services. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (2 of 5)

2. Details on MCO/PIHP/PAHP enrollees with special health care needs.

The following items are required.

a. ☒ The plan is a PIHP/PAHP, and the State has determined that based on the plan?s scope of services, and how the State has organized the delivery system, that the **PIHP/PAHP need not meet the requirements** for additional services for enrollees with special health care needs in 42 CFR 438.208.

Please provide justification for this determination:

The waiver covers dental services only. In accordance with 42 CFR 438.208(a)(2), the State has determined that the implementation of a mechanisms for identifying, assessing, and producing a treatment plan for an individual with special health care needs, as specified in paragraph (c) of 438.208 is not applicable given the limited scope of the program.

LDH is currently working with the Louisiana Dental Association (LDA) and the two DBPMs to ensure that a robust network of dentists is available to serve eligible beneficiaries with I/DD. LDA hosted a training seminar in December 2022 for dentists throughout the state, which was led by a dentist with experience teaching other dentists proper techniques for providing dental services for individuals with special needs. LDH is continuing to work with LDA to plan additional trainings in 2023 to continue to grow the network of providers with expertise in this area. A survey of LDA's membership was also conducted to identify providers who are already able to serve the needs of beneficiaries in this program. We are currently working with the two DBPMs to ensure these providers are enrolled or are offered enrollment into their networks.

b. ☐ **Identification**. The State has a mechanism to identify persons with special health care needs to MCOs, PIHPs,

and PAHPs, as those persons are defined by the State.

Please describe:

c. ☐ **Assessment**. Each MCO/PIHP/PAHP will implement mechanisms, using appropriate health care professionals, to assess each enrollee identified by the State to identify any ongoing special conditions that require a course of treatment or regular care monitoring. Please describe:

Please describe the enrollment limits and how each is determined:

d. ☐ **Treatment Plans**. For enrollees with special health care needs who need a course of treatment or regular care monitoring, the State requires the MCO/PIHP/PAHP to produce a treatment plan.If so, the treatment plan meets the following requirements:

1. ☐ Developed by enrollees? primary care provider with enrollee participation, and in consultation with any specialists? care for the enrollee.
2. ☐ Approved by the MCO/PIHP/PAHP in a timely manner (if approval required by plan).
3. ☐ In accord with any applicable State quality assurance and utilization review standards.

Please describe:

e. ☐ **Direct access to specialists**. If treatment plan or regular care monitoring is in place, the MCO/PIHP/PAHP has a mechanism in place to allow enrollees to directly access specialists as appropriate for enrollee?s condition and identified needs.

Please describe:

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (3 of 5)

3. Details for PCCM program. The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have reasonable access to services. Please note below which of the strategies the State uses assure adequate provider capacity in the PCCM program.

a. ☐ Each enrollee selects or is assigned to a **primary care provider** appropriate to the enrollee?s needs.

b. ☐ Each enrollee selects or is assigned to a designated **designated health care practitioner** who is primarily responsible for coordinating the enrollee?s overall health care.

c. ☐ Each enrollee is receives **health education/promotion** information.

Please explain:

d. ☐ Each provider maintains, for Medicaid enrollees, **health records** that meet the requirements established by the State, taking into account professional standards.

e. ☐ There is appropriate and confidential **exchange of information** among providers.

f. ☐ Enrollees receive information about specific health conditions that require **follow-up** and, if appropriate, are given training in self-care.

g. ☐ Primary care case managers **address barriers** that hinder enrollee compliance with prescribed treatments or regimens, including the use of traditional and/or complementary medicine.

h. ☐ **Additional case management** is provided.

Please include how the referred services and the medical forms will be coordinated among the practitioners, and documented in the primary care case manager?s files.

i. ☐ **Referrals.**

Please explain in detail the process for a patient referral. In the description, please include how the referred services and the medical forms will be coordinated among the practitioners, and documented in the primary care case managers? files.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (4 of 5)

4. Details for 1915(b)(4) only programs: If applicable, please describe how the State assures that continuity and coordination of care are not negatively impacted by the selective contracting program.

Section A: Program Description

Part II: Access

C. Coordination and Continuity of Care Standards (5 of 5)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

1. Assurances for MCO or PIHP programs

☐ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202, 438.204, 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230, 438.236, 438.240, and 438.242 in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☐ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, or PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202, 438.204, 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230, 438.236, 438.240, and 438.242. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ Section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.202 requires that each State Medicaid agency that contracts with MCOs and PIHPs submit to CMS a written strategy for assessing and improving the quality of managed care services offered by all MCOs and PIHPs.
The State assures CMS that this **quality strategy** was initially submitted to the CMS Regional Office on: (mm/dd/yy)

☐ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart E, to arrange for an annual, independent, **external quality review** of the outcomes and timeliness of, and access to the services delivered under each MCO/ PIHP contract. Note: EQR for PIHPs is required beginning March 2004.
Please provide the information below (modify chart as necessary):

Program Type	Name of Organization	Activities Conducted		
		EQR study	Mandatory Activities	Optional Activities
MCO				
PIHP				

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

2. Assurances For PAHP program

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(c)(1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230 and 438.236, in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the PAHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(c) (1)(A)(iii)-(iv) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.210, 438.214, 438.218, 438.224, 438.226, 438.228, 438.230 and 438.236. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

3. Details for PCCM program. The State must assure that Waiver Program enrollees have access to medically necessary services of adequate quality. Please note below the strategies the State uses to assure quality of care in the PCCM program.

a. ☐ The State has developed a set of overall quality **improvement guidelines** for its PCCM program.

Please describe:

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

3. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

b. ☐ **State Intervention**: If a problem is identified regarding the quality of services received, the State will intervene as indicated below.

1. ☐ Provide education and informal mailings to beneficiaries and PCCMs
2. ☐ Initiate telephone and/or mail inquiries and follow-up
3. ☐ Request PCCM?s response to identified problems
4. ☐ Refer to program staff for further investigation
5. ☐ Send warning letters to PCCMs
6. ☐ Refer to State?s medical staff for investigation
7. ☐ Institute corrective action plans and follow-up
8. ☐ Change an enrollee?s PCCM
9. ☐ Institute a restriction on the types of enrollees
10. ☐ Further limit the number of assignments
11. ☐ Ban new assignments
12. ☐ Transfer some or all assignments to different PCCMs
13. ☐ Suspend or terminate PCCM agreement
14. ☐ Suspend or terminate as Medicaid providers
15. ☐ Other

Please explain:

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

3. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

c. ☐ **Selection and Retention of Providers**: This section provides the State the opportunity to describe any requirements, policies or procedures it has in place to allow for the review and documentation of qualifications and other relevant information pertaining to a provider who seeks a contract with the State or PCCM administrator as a PCCM. This section is required if the State has applied for a 1915(b)(4) waiver that will be applicable to the PCCM program.

Please check any processes or procedures listed below that the State uses in the process of selecting and retaining PCCMs. The State (please check all that apply):

1. ☐ Has a documented process for selection and retention of PCCMs (please submit a copy of that documentation).

2. ☐ Has an initial credentialing process for PCCMs that is based on a written application and site visits as appropriate, as well as primary source verification of licensure, disciplinary status, and eligibility for payment under Medicaid.

3. ☐ Has a recredentialing process for PCCMs that is accomplished within the time frame set by the State and through a process that updates information obtained through the following (check all that apply):

A. ☐ Initial credentialing

B. ☐ Performance measures, including those obtained through the following (check all that apply):

- ☐ The utilization management system.
- ☐ The complaint and appeals system.
- ☐ Enrollee surveys.
- ☐ Other.

Please describe:

4. ☐ Uses formal selection and retention criteria that do not discriminate against particular providers such as those who serve high risk populations or specialize in conditions that require costly treatment.

5. ☐ Has an initial and recredentialing process for PCCMs other than individual practitioners (e.g., rural health clinics, federally qualified health centers) to ensure that they are and remain in compliance with any Federal or State requirements (e.g., licensure).

6. ☐ Notifies licensing and/or disciplinary bodies or other appropriate authorities when suspensions or terminations of PCCMs take place because of quality deficiencies.

7. ☐ Other

Please explain:

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

3. Details for PCCM program. (Continued)

d. Other quality standards (please describe):

Section A: Program Description

Part III: Quality

4. Details for 1915(b)(4) only programs: Please describe how the State assures quality in the services that are covered by the selective contracting program. Please describe the provider selection process, including the criteria used to select the providers under the waiver. These include quality and performance standards that the providers must meet. Please also describe how each criteria is weighted:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

A. Marketing (1 of 4)

1. Assurances

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.104 Marketing activities; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(d)(2) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.104 Marketing activities. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

A. Marketing (2 of 4)

2. Details

a. Scope of Marketing

1. ☐ The State does not permit direct or indirect marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers.

2. ☒ The State permits indirect marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers (e.g., radio and TV advertising for the MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM in general).

Please list types of indirect marketing permitted:

Marketing only Event, Mass Media, Marketing Material Restock, Presentation, Community Meeting, Interview, Exhibit Booth, Informational Table. Both marketing and member education events are submitted as part of the marketing plan, including goal/strategy references, planned events and materials. All proposed sponsorships, media events, and media activities must be submitted to LDH for review. LDH will approve, deny, or require necessary changes.

3. ☐ The State permits direct marketing by MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM or selective contracting FFS providers (e.g., direct mail to Medicaid beneficiaries).

Please list types of direct marketing permitted:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

A. Marketing (3 of 4)

2. Details (Continued)

b. Description. Please describe the State's procedures regarding direct and indirect marketing by answering the following questions, if applicable.

1. ☒ The State prohibits or limits MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs/selective contracting FFS providers from offering gifts or other incentives to potential enrollees.

Please explain any limitation or prohibition and how the State monitors this:

Patient Steering is defined in Title 50 of the Louisiana Administrative Code as unsolicited advice or mass-marketing directed at Medicaid recipients by health plans, including any of the entity?s employees, affiliated providers, agents, or contractors, that is intended to influence or can reasonably be concluded to influence the Medicaid recipient to enroll in, not enroll in, or disenroll from a particular health plan(s).

2. ☐ The State permits MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs/selective contracting FFS providers to pay their marketing representatives based on the number of new Medicaid enrollees he/she recruited into the plan.

Please explain how the State monitors marketing to ensure it is not coercive or fraudulent:

3. ☒ The State requires MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM/selective contracting FFS providers to translate marketing materials.

Please list languages materials will be translated into. (If the State does not translate or require the translation of marketing materials, please explain):

Spanish

The State has chosen these languages because (check any that apply):

a. ☐ The languages comprise all prevalent languages in the service area.

Please describe the methodology for determining prevalent languages:

b. ☒ The languages comprise all languages in the service area spoken by approximately 4 percent or more of the population.

c. ☐ Other

Please explain:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

A. Marketing (4 of 4)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (1 of 5)

1. Assurances

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with Federal Regulations found at section 1932(a)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.10 Information requirements; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of more of the regulatory requirements listed above for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(a)(5) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.10 Information requirements. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (2 of 5)

2. Details

a. Non-English Languages

1. ☒ Potential enrollee and enrollee materials will be translated into the prevalent non-English languages.

Please list languages materials will be translated into. (If the State does not require written materials to be translated, please explain):

Materials will be translated in Spanish.

If the State does not translate or require the translation of marketing materials, please explain:

The State defines prevalent non-English languages as: (check any that apply):

a. ☐ The languages spoken by significant number of potential enrollees and enrollees.

Please explain how the State defines ?significant.?:

b. ☒ The languages spoken by approximately 4.00 percent or more of the potential enrollee/enrollee population.

c. ☐ Other

Please explain:

2. ☒ Please describe how oral translation services are available to all potential enrollees and enrollees, regardless of language spoken.

The contracted DBPs will be required to provide oral translation services regardless of language spoken. This is achieved by having staff available to communicate with the member in his/her spoken language and/or access to a phone-based translation service so that someone is readily available to communicate orally with the member in his/her spoken language.

3. ☒ The State will have a mechanism in place to help enrollees and potential enrollees understand the managed care program.

Please describe:

The DBPs is required to provide all covered services and provide information to enrollees. All enrollees will receive information in a welcome packet about the DBP when first eligible for the program. This explanation, which includes a description of the PAHP program, is also available on the website 24/7 for all enrollees.

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B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (3 of 5)

2. Details (Continued)

b. Potential Enrollee Information

Information is distributed to potential enrollees by:

☐ State
☒ Contractor

Please specify:

A contracted Enrollment Broker will mail letters with information about the dental plans and instructions for how to select a plan. The Enrollment Broker will provide a customer service call center to assist enrollees and potential enrollees with any questions regarding selection of a DBP. A website and mobile app are also available with educational information on the DBP.

☐ There are no potential enrollees in this program. (Check this if State automatically enrolls beneficiaries into a single PIHP or PAHP.)

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B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (4 of 5)

2. Details (Continued)

c. Enrollee Information

The State has designated the following as responsible for providing required information to enrollees:

☐ the State
☒ State contractor

Please specify:

The state contractor for enrollment broker services is MAXIMUS.

☐ The MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM/FFS selective contracting provider.

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B. Information to Potential Enrollees and Enrollees (5 of 5)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

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C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (1 of 6)

1. Assurances

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs. (Please check this item if the State has requested a waiver of the choice of plan requirements in section A.I.C.)

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment requirements. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

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C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (2 of 6)

2. Details

Please describe the State's enrollment process for MCOs/PIHPs/PAHP/PCCMs and FFS selective contracting provider by checking the applicable items below.

a. Outreach

☒ The State conducts outreach to inform potential enrollees, providers, and other interested parties of the managed care program.

Please describe the outreach process, and specify any special efforts made to reach and provide information to special populations included in the waiver program:

A contracted Enrollment Broker will mail letters with information about the dental plans and instructions for how to select a plan. The Enrollment Broker will provide a customer service call center to assist enrollees and potential enrollees with any questions regarding selection of a DBP. A website and mobile app are also available with educational information on the DBP.

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C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (3 of 6)

2. Details (Continued)

b. Administration of Enrollment Process

☐ State staff conducts the enrollment process.

☒ The State contracts with an independent contractor(s) (i.e., enrollment broker) to conduct the enrollment process and related activities.

☒ The State assures CMS the enrollment broker contract meets the independence and freedom from conflict of interest requirements in section 1903(b) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.810.

Broker name: MAXIMUS

Please list the functions that the contractor will perform:

☒ choice counseling

☒ enrollment

☐ other

Please describe:

☐ State allows MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM to enroll beneficiaries.

Please describe the process:

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C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (4 of 6)

2. Details (Continued)

c. Enrollment . The State has indicated which populations are mandatorily enrolled and which may enroll on a voluntary basis in Section A.I.E.

☐ This is a **new** program.

Please describe the **implementation schedule** (e.g. implemented statewide all at once; phased in by area; phased in by population, etc.):

☐ This is an **existing program** that will be expanded during the renewal period.

*Please describe:*Please describe the **implementation schedule** (e.g. new population implemented statewide all at once; phased in by area; phased in by population, etc.):

☒ If a potential enrollee **does not select** an MCO/PIHP/PAHP or PCCM within the given time frame, the potential enrollee will be **auto-assigned** or default assigned to a plan.

i. ☒ Potential enrollees will have 90 ◉ **day(s)** / ○ **month(s)** to choose a plan.

ii. ☒ There is an auto-assignment process or algorithm.

In the description please indicate the factors considered and whether or not the auto-assignment process assigns persons with special health care needs to an MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM who is their current provider or who is capable of serving their particular needs:

If the enrollee has household enrollees enrolled in a DBPM, the enrollee shall be enrolled in that DBPM. If multiple DBPM linkages exist within the household, the enrollee shall be enrolled to the DBPM of the youngest household enrollee. If DBPM assignment cannot be made based on the beneficiary?s household enrollment, the enrollment broker shall seek to preserve existing provider-beneficiary relationships. If the enrollee has had a relationship with a Medicaid PDP within the past twelve (12) months, the enrollee will be assigned to a DBPM in which the PDP participates, using a round robin method.

☐ The State automatically enrolls beneficiaries.

☐ on a mandatory basis into a single MCO, PIHP, or PAHP in a rural area (please also check item A.I.C.3).

☐ on a mandatory basis into a single PIHP or PAHP for which it has requested a waiver of the requirement of choice of plans (please also check item A.I.C.1).

☐ on a voluntary basis into a single MCO, PIHP, or PAHP. The State must first offer the beneficiary a choice. If the beneficiary does not choose, the State may enroll the beneficiary as long as the beneficiary can opt out at any time without cause.

Please specify geographic areas where this occurs:

☐ The State provides **guaranteed eligibility** of _____ months (maximum of 6 months permitted) for MCO/PCCM enrollees under the State plan.

☐ The State allows otherwise mandated beneficiaries to request **exemption** from enrollment in an MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM.

Please describe the circumstances under which a beneficiary would be eligible for exemption from enrollment. In addition, please describe the exemption process:

☒ The State **automatically re-enrolls** a beneficiary with the same PCCM or MCO/PIHP/PAHP if there is a loss of Medicaid eligibility of 2 months or less.

2. Details (Continued)

d. Disenrollment

☒ The State allows enrollees to **disenroll** from/transfer between MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs. Regardless of whether plan or State makes the determination, determination must be made no later than the first day of the second month following the month in which the enrollee or plan files the request. If determination is not made within this time frame, the request is deemed approved.

- **i.** ☒ Enrollee submits request to State.
- **ii.** ☐ Enrollee submits request to MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM. The entity may approve the request, or refer it to the State. The entity may not disapprove the request.
- **iii.** ☐ Enrollee must seek redress through MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM grievance procedure before determination will be made on disenrollment request.

☐ The State **does not permit disenrollment** from a single PIHP/PAHP (authority under 1902 (a)(4) authority must be requested), or from an MCO, PIHP, or PAHP in a rural area.

☒ The State has a **lock-in** period (i.e. requires continuous enrollment with MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM) of 12 months (up to 12 months permitted). If so, the State assures it meets the requirements of 42 CFR 438.56(c).

Please describe the good cause reasons for which an enrollee may request disenrollment during the lock-in period (in addition to required good cause reasons of poor quality of care, lack of access to covered services, and lack of access to providers experienced in dealing with enrollee?s health care needs):

Enrollees may switch DBPMs at any time without cause, up to two times within a twelve-month period. After an enrollee?s second plan change within the twelve-month period, the enrollee will be locked into that plan until the end of the twelve-month period, unless a change for cause is approved. Good cause reasons as follows:
The Contractor does not, because of moral or religious objections, cover the service the enrollee seeks;
The enrollee needs related services to be performed at the same time; not all related services are available within the DBPM and the enrollee?s Primary Dental Provider (PDP) or another provider determines that receiving the services separately would subject the enrollee to unnecessary risk;
The Contract between the Contractor and LDH is terminated;
Poor quality of care rendered by the Contractor as determined by LDH;
Lack of access to DBPM covered services as determined by LDH; or
Any other reason deemed to be valid by LDH and/or its agent.

☐ The State does not have a **lock-in**, and enrollees in MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs are allowed to terminate or change their enrollment without cause at any time. The disenrollment/transfer is effective no later than the first day of the second month following the request.

☒ The State permits **MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs and PCCMs to request disenrollment** of enrollees.

- **i.** ☒ MCO/PIHP/PAHP and PCCM can request reassignment of an enrollee.

  Please describe the reasons for which enrollees can request reassignment

  The DBP may request involuntary disenrollment of an enrollee if the enrollee?s utilization of services constitutes fraud, waste, and/or abuse such as misusing or loaning the enrollee?s ID card to another person to obtain services. In such case the Contractor shall report the event to LDH and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU).
- **ii.** ☒ The State reviews and approves all MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM-initiated requests for enrollee transfers or disenrollments.
- **iii.** ☒ If the reassignment is approved, the State notifies the enrollee in a direct and timely manner of the desire of the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM to remove the enrollee from its membership or from the PCCM?s caseload.

iv. ☒ The enrollee remains an enrollee of the MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM until another MCO/PIHP/PAHP/PCCM is chosen or assigned.

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C. Enrollment and Disenrollment (6 of 6)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

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D. Enrollee Rights (1 of 2)

1. Assurances

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(5)(B)(ii) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart C Enrollee Rights and Protections.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☒ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(a)(5)(B)(ii) of the Act and 42 CFR Subpart C Enrollee Rights and Protections. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

☐ This is a proposal for a 1915(b)(4) FFS Selective Contracting Program only and the managed care regulations do not apply.

☒ The State assures CMS it will satisfy all HIPAA Privacy standards as contained in the HIPAA rules found at 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

D. Enrollee Rights (2 of 2)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

E. Grievance System (1 of 5)

1. **Assurances for All Programs** States, MCOs, PIHPs, PAHPs, and States in PCCM and FFS selective contracting programs are required to provide Medicaid enrollees with access to the State fair hearing process as required under 42 CFR 431 Subpart E, including:

   a. informing Medicaid enrollees about their fair hearing rights in a manner that assures notice at the time of an action,
   b. ensuring that enrollees may request continuation of benefits during a course of treatment during an appeal or reinstatement of services if State takes action without the advance notice and as required in accordance with State Policy consistent with fair hearings. The State must also inform enrollees of the procedures by which benefits can be continued for reinstated, and
   c. other requirements for fair hearings found in 42 CFR 431, Subpart E.

   ☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(a)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.56 Disenrollment; in so far as these regulations are applicable.

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E. Grievance System (2 of 5)

2. **Assurances For MCO or PIHP programs**. MCOs/PIHPs are required to have an internal grievance system that allows an enrollee or a provider on behalf of an enrollee to challenge the denial of coverage of, or payment for services as required by section 1932(b)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart H.

   ☐ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(b)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart F Grievance System, in so far as these regulations are applicable.

   Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

   ☐ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO or PIHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(b)(4) of the Act and 42 CFR 438 Subpart F Grievance System. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

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E. Grievance System (3 of 5)

3. **Details for MCO or PIHP programs**

a. Direct Access to Fair Hearing

☐ The State **requires** enrollees to **exhaust** the MCO or PIHP grievance and appeal process before enrollees may request a state fair hearing.

☐ The State **does not require** enrollees to **exhaust** the MCO or PIHP grievance and appeal process before enrollees may request a state fair hearing.

b. Timeframes

☐ The State?s timeframe within which an enrollee, or provider on behalf of an enrollee, must file an **appeal** is

[ ] days (between 20 and 90).

☐ The State?s timeframe within which an enrollee must file a **grievance** is [ ] days.

c. Special Needs

☐ The State has special processes in place for persons with special needs.

Please describe:

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E. Grievance System (4 of 5)

4. **Optional grievance systems for PCCM and PAHP programs**. States, at their option, may operate a PCCM and/or PAHP grievance procedure (distinct from the fair hearing process) administered by the State agency or the PCCM and/or PAHP that provides for prompt resolution of issues. These grievance procedures are strictly voluntary and may not interfere with a PCCM, or PAHP enrollee?s freedom to make a request for a fair hearing or a PCCM or PAHP enrollee?s direct access to a fair hearing in instances involving terminations, reductions, and suspensions of already authorized Medicaid covered services.

☒ The State has a grievance procedure for its ☐ PCCM and/or ☒ PAHP program characterized by the following (please check any of the following optional procedures that apply to the optional PCCM/PAHP grievance procedure): The grievance procedures are operated by:

☐ the State

☐ the State?s contractor.

Please identify: [ ]

☐ the PCCM

☒ the PAHP

☒ Requests for review can be made in the PCCM and/or PAHP grievance system (e.g. grievance, appeals):

Please describe:

Enrollee may request a grievance or an appeal. Grievances are defined as an expression of dissatisfaction about matters other than an action. Examples of grievances include, but are not limited to, the quality of care or services provided & aspects of interpersonal relationships such as rudeness of staff, etc. An appeal is defined as request for a review of an action pursuant to 42CFR 438.400(b).

☐ Has a committee or staff who review and resolve requests for review.

Please describe if the State has any specific committee or staff composition or if this is a fiscal agent, enrollment broker, or PCCM administrator function:

☒ Specifies a time frame from the date of action for the enrollee to file a request for review.

Please specify the time frame for each type of request for review:

An enrollee, or authorized representative acting on the enrollee?s behalf, may file a grievance orally or in writing at any time. An enrollee, authorized representative, or legal representative of the estate may file an appeal orally or in writing within sixty (60) calendar days from the date on the notice of adverse benefit determination.

☒ Has time frames for resolving requests for review.

Specify the time period set for each type of request for review:

90 days for grievances and an appeal shall be heard and notice of appeal resolution shall be sent to the enrollee no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date the DBP receives the appeal.

☒ Establishes and maintains an expedited review process.

Please explain the reasons for the process and specify the time frame set by the State for this process:

Enrollees may request an expedited review in accordance with 438.410. Resolutions is not to exceed seventy-two (72) hours after the DBP receives the appeal request, whether the appeal was made orally or in writing.

☐ Permits enrollees to appear before State PCCM/PAHP personnel responsible for resolving the request for review.

☒ Notifies the enrollee in writing of the decision and any further opportunities for additional review, as well as the procedures available to challenge the decision.

☐ Other.

Please explain:

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E. Grievance System (5 of 5)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

The DBP must establish Member grievance and appeals process and state fair hearing procedures and time frames, as described in 42 CFR §438.400 through §438.424.

Section A: Program Description

Part IV: Program Operations

F. Program Integrity (1 of 3)

1. Assurances

☒ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(1) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.610 Prohibited Affiliations with Individuals Barred by Federal Agencies. The State assures that it prohibits an MCO, PCCM, PIHP, or PAHP from knowingly having a relationship listed below with:

1. An individual who is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from participating in procurement activities under the Federal Acquisition Regulation or from participating in nonprocurement activities under regulations issued under Executive Order No. 12549 or under guidelines implementing Executive Order No. 12549, or

2. An individual who is an affiliate, as defined in the Federal Acquisition Regulation, of a person described above.

The prohibited relationships are:

1. A director, officer, or partner of the MCO, PCCM, PIHP, or PAHP;

2. A person with beneficial ownership of five percent or more of the MCO?s, PCCM?s, PIHP?s, or PAHP?s equity;

3. A person with an employment, consulting or other arrangement with the MCO, PCCM, PIHP, or PAHP for the provision of items and services that are significant and material to the MCO?s, PCCM?s, PIHP?s, or PAHP?s obligations under its contract with the State.

☒ The State assures that it complies with section 1902(p)(2) and 42 CFR 431.55, which require section 1915(b) waiver programs to exclude entities that:

1. Could be excluded under section 1128(b)(8) of the Act as being controlled by a sanctioned individual;

2. Has a substantial contractual relationship (direct or indirect) with an individual convicted of certain crimes described in section 1128(b)(8)(B) of the Act;

3. Employs or contracts directly or indirectly with an individual or entity that is

a. precluded from furnishing health care, utilization review, medical social services, or administrative services pursuant to section 1128 or 1128A of the Act, or

b. could be exclude under 1128(b)(8) as being controlled by a sanctioned individual.

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F. Program Integrity (2 of 3)

2. Assurances For MCO or PIHP programs

☐ The State assures CMS that it complies with section 1932(d)(1) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.608 Program Integrity Requirements, in so far as these regulations are applicable.

☐ State payments to an MCO or PIHP are based on data submitted by the MCO or PIHP. If so, the State assures CMS that it is in compliance with 42 CFR 438.604 Data that must be Certified, and 42 CFR 438.606 Source, Content, Timing of Certification.

☐ The State seeks a waiver of section 1902(a)(4) of the Act, to waive one or more of the regulatory requirements listed for PIHP or PAHP programs.

Please identify each regulatory requirement for which a waiver is requested, the managed care program(s) to which the waiver will apply, and what the State proposes as an alternative requirement, if any:

☐ The CMS Regional Office has reviewed and approved the MCO or PIHP contracts for compliance with the provisions of section 1932(d)(1) of the Act and 42 CFR 438.604 Data that must be Certified; 438.606 Source, Content , Timing of Certification; and 438.608 Program Integrity Requirements. If this is an initial waiver, the State assures that contracts that comply with these provisions will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval prior to enrollment of beneficiaries in the MCO, PIHP, PAHP, or PCCM.

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F. Program Integrity (3 of 3)

Additional Information. Please enter any additional information not included in previous pages:

Section B: Monitoring Plan

Part I: Summary Chart of Monitoring Activities

Summary of Monitoring Activities (1 of 3)

The charts in this section summarize the activities used to monitor major areas of the waiver program. The purpose is to provide a ?big picture? of the monitoring activities, and that the State has at least one activity in place to monitor each of the areas of the waiver that must be monitored.

Please note:

- **MCO, PIHP, and PAHP** programs:
  - There must be at least one checkmark in each column.
- **PCCM and FFS selective contracting** programs:
  - There must be at least one checkmark in each column under ?Evaluation of Program Impact.?
  - There must be at least one check mark in one of the three columns under ?Evaluation of Access.?
  - There must be at least one check mark in one of the three columns under ?Evaluation of Quality.?

Summary of Monitoring Activities: Evaluation of Program Impact

Evaluation of Program Impact						
Monitoring Activity	**Choice**	**Marketing**	**Enroll Disenroll**	**Program Integrity**	**Information to Beneficiaries**	**Grievance**
Accreditation for Non-duplication	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Accreditation for Participation	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Consumer Self-Report data	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Data Analysis (non-claims)	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Enrollee Hotlines	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Focused Studies	☐ MCO	☐ MCO	☐ MCO	☐ MCO	☐ MCO	☐ MCO

Evaluation of Program Impact						
Monitoring Activity	**Choice**	**Marketing**	**Enroll Disenroll**	**Program Integrity**	**Information to Beneficiaries**	**Grievance**
	☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Geographic mapping	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Independent Assessment	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Measure any Disparities by Racial or Ethnic Groups	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Network Adequacy Assurance by Plan	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Ombudsman	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
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Evaluation of Program Impact						
Monitoring Activity	**Choice**	**Marketing**	**Enroll Disenroll**	**Program Integrity**	**Information to Beneficiaries**	**Grievance**
Performance Measures	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Periodic Comparison of # of Providers	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
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Utilization Review	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Other	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS

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Summary of Monitoring Activities: Evaluation of Access

Evaluation of Access			
Monitoring Activity	**Timely Access**	**PCP / Specialist Capacity**	**Coordination / Continuity**
Accreditation for Non-duplication	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Accreditation for Participation	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Consumer Self-Report data	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Data Analysis (non-claims)	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Enrollee Hotlines	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Focused Studies	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS

Evaluation of Access			
Monitoring Activity	**Timely Access**	**PCP / Specialist Capacity**	**Coordination / Continuity**
Geographic mapping	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Independent Assessment	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
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Evaluation of Access			
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	☐ FFS	☐ FFS	☐ FFS
Periodic Comparison of # of Providers	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
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Utilization Review	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Other	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS

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Summary of Monitoring Activities: Evaluation of Quality

Evaluation of Quality			
Monitoring Activity	**Coverage / Authorization**	**Provider Selection**	**Qualitiy of Care**
Accreditation for Non-duplication	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
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Consumer Self-Report data	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Data Analysis (non-claims)	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☒ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
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Geographic mapping	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM

Evaluation of Quality			
Monitoring Activity	**Coverage / Authorization**	**Provider Selection**	**Qualitiy of Care**
	☐ FFS	☐ FFS	☐ FFS
Independent Assessment	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
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Periodic Comparison of # of Providers	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP

Evaluation of Quality			
Monitoring Activity	**Coverage / Authorization**	**Provider Selection**	**Qualitiy of Care**
	☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
Profile Utilization by Provider Caseload	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS	☐ MCO ☐ PIHP ☐ PAHP ☐ PCCM ☐ FFS
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Part II: Details of Monitoring Activities

Details of Monitoring Activities by Authorized Programs

For each program authorized by this waiver, please provide the details of its monitoring activities by editing each program listed below.

Programs Authorized by this Waiver:

Program	Type of Program
DBP	PAHP;

Note: If no programs appear in this list, please define the programs authorized by this waiver on the

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Program Instance: Dental Benefit Program

Please check each of the monitoring activities below used by the State. A number of common activities are listed below, but the State may identify any others it uses. If federal regulations require a given activity, this is indicated just after the name of the activity. If the State does not use a required activity, it must explain why.
For each activity, the state must provide the following information:

- Personnel responsible (e.g. state Medicaid, other state agency, delegated to plan, EQR, other contractor)
- Detailed description of activity
- Frequency of use
- How it yields information about the area(s) being monitored

a. ☒ **Accreditation for Non-duplication** (i.e. if the contractor is accredited by an organization to meet certain access, structure/operation, and/or quality improvement standards, and the state determines that the organization?s standards are at least as stringent as the state-specific standards required in 42 CFR 438 Subpart D, the state deems the contractor to be in compliance with the state-specific standards)

Activity Details:

Duplication
Personnel Responsible:
State staff
Description of Activity:
The State monitors the dental PAHPs? accreditation status with two nationally recognized accrediting organizations, the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and the Utilization Review Accreditation Commission (URAC). Consistent with 42 CFR §438.332, the State publicly post plan accreditation status for each PAHP. The State may rely on NCQA accreditation reviews to satisfy monitoring requirements related to provider credentialing and recredentialing, in order to avoid duplication of oversight activities in these areas.
Frequency of Use:
Accreditation status is monitored on an ongoing basis and reviewed at least annually.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
NCQA accreditation status provides the State with assurance that the dental PAHP meets nationally recognized standards for credentialing and recredentialing processes. Reliance on accreditation findings supports compliance with federal requirements while allowing the State to avoid duplicative monitoring and focus oversight resources on other access, quality, and operational areas. Information obtained through accreditation review informs State oversight, compliance determinations, and identification of areas requiring additional monitoring as appropriate.

☐ **NCQA**

☐ **JCAHO**

☐ **AAAHC**

☒ **Other**

Please describe:

The State may also consider URAC Dental Plan Accreditation as an external source of validation for Utilization Management. However, EQRO conducts annual compliance reviews against state and federal requirements. The State monitors dental PAHPs URAC accreditation status. URAC accreditation does not replace State contract monitoring or EQRO review activities.

b. ☒ **Accreditation for Participation** (i.e. as prerequisite to be Medicaid plan)

Activity Details:

☐ **NCQA**

☐ **JCAHO**

☐ **AAAHC**

☒ **Other**

Please describe:

Participation Standards for Dental PAHPs
Personnel Responsible:
State staff
Description of Activity:
The State establishes participation requirements for Dental PAHPs through procurement standards and contractual provisions. To participate in the Medicaid dental program, each Dental Benefit Plan (DBP) must meet the federal definition of a PAHP as specified in 42 CFR §438.2. Participating DBPs are required to hold a valid license of authority issued by the Louisiana Department of Insurance to operate as a Medicaid risk-bearing prepaid entity. DBPs must also meet applicable solvency standards in accordance with 42 CFR §438.116 and Title 22 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes. In addition, the State requires DBPs to demonstrate a minimum of five (5) years of experience providing Medicaid program benefits, as specified in procurement and contract requirements.
Frequency of Use:
Participation standards are monitored during procurement and initial contract award and are reviewed as needed throughout the contract term.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Review of participation requirements provides the State with assurance that Dental PAHPs have the financial capacity, regulatory authorization, and programmatic experience necessary to administer Medicaid dental benefits. This activity supports oversight of program integrity, financial solvency, and operational readiness and ensures that only qualified entities participate in the delivery of dental services to Medicaid enrollees.

c. ☒ **Consumer Self-Report data**

Activity Details:

Annual Enrollee Satisfaction Survey
Personnel Responsible:
DBP and External Quality Review Organization (EQRO); State staff (oversight)
Description of Activity:
The State uses enrollee self-report data from annual enrollee satisfaction surveys to monitor access to care, quality, and appropriateness of dental services provided by the dental PAHPs. The adult and child surveys are comparable to the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (CAHPS) and are designed to capture enrollee experiences with dental care access, service delivery, and overall satisfaction.
Effective State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024, CAHPS dental surveys are administered as a statewide assessment activity by the State?s contracted External Quality Review Organization (EQRO). The EQRO conducts the survey in accordance with established methodologies and reporting requirements. Survey findings are submitted to the State within established timeframes and are reviewed to identify trends, performance concerns, and opportunities for plan-driven quality improvement initiatives.
Frequency of Use:
Enrollee satisfaction surveys are conducted annually.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Analysis of enrollee satisfaction survey results provides the State with direct feedback on enrollee experiences related to access to dental care, quality of services, and appropriateness of care. Survey findings support identification of systemic issues, emerging trends, and areas requiring improvement. Results are incorporated into ongoing State oversight, inform quality improvement activities, and support monitoring of plan performance over time.

☐ **CAHPS**
Please identify which one(s):

☐ **State-developed survey**

☐ **Disenrollment survey**

☐ **Consumer/beneficiary focus group**

d. ☒ **Data Analysis (non-claims)**

Activity Details:

Strategy 1: Grievance, Appeals, and Fair Hearing Data

Personnel Responsible: State staff

Description of Strategy:
The State analyzes non-claims data from grievance, appeal, and fair hearing reports submitted by the dental PAHPs on a monthly basis using standardized reporting formats. These reports summarize the volume and types of grievances, appeals, and expedited appeals by subject matter (e.g., access to care, denial of services, quality of care, timeliness, and interpersonal issues) and by disposition (e.g., resolved, pending, overturned).

State contract monitoring staff reviews the data to identify trends, recurring issues, excessive overturns, and potential compliance concerns. Findings are used to determine whether issues should be addressed directly with the dental PAHP and/or reflect broader statewide trends requiring technical assistance, clarification of policy, or corrective action. Identified deficiencies or trends are incorporated into the dental PAHP?s quality improvement processes, which may include setting performance goals, identifying opportunities for improvement, implementing interventions, and evaluating the effectiveness of those interventions over time. Significant findings are shared with the dental PAHP as part of ongoing oversight activities.

Frequency of Use:
Grievance, appeals, and fair hearing data are reported monthly, with formal State review conducted at least monthly and annually.

How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Analysis of grievance and appeal data provides insight into beneficiary concerns related to access to care, service authorization, quality of services, and administrative processes. The data support assessment of the effectiveness of the dental PAHP?s quality improvement activities and help inform State oversight of compliance with access, quality, and member protections.

☐ **Denials of referral requests**

☐ **Disenrollment requests by enrollee**

- ☐ **From plan**
- ☐ **From PCP within plan**

☒ **Grievances and appeals data**

☐ **Other**
Please describe:

e. ☒ **Enrollee Hotlines**

Activity Details:

Help Line Call Center Review
Personnel Responsible:
Dental PAHP and State staff
Description of Activity:
The State monitors enrollee access to customer service through oversight of the dental PAHP?s enrollee and provider help lines. The dental PAHP monitors help line performance through call recording and other monitoring activities and submits formal performance reports to the State on a monthly basis.
The State reviews reported help line performance data to assess compliance with contractual requirements and identify potential access or member service issues. Performance standards include an average speed to answer of no more than 30 seconds, a call blockage rate for direct calls not to exceed 1%, an average call abandonment rate not to exceed 5%, and, if call queuing occurs, an average queue wait time not to exceed 3 minutes. When help line performance standards are not met, the State may apply contractual remedies, including financial penalties, in accordance with contract provisions.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Review of help line performance data provides the State with information regarding enrollee and provider access to customer service support, timeliness of response, and the dental PAHP?s ability to effectively address inquiries, complaints, and service needs. Call center metrics help identify barriers to accessing information, potential operational deficiencies, and trends related to enrollee or provider concerns. Findings support ongoing State oversight of access and member services and inform corrective actions or quality improvement activities, as appropriate.

f. ☒ **Focused Studies** (detailed investigations of certain aspects of clinical or non-clinical services at a point in time, to answer defined questions. Focused studies differ from performance improvement projects in that they do not require demonstrable and sustained improvement in significant aspects of clinical care and non-clinical service)

Activity Details:

Focused Studies
Personnel Responsible:
Dental PAHPs, State staff and External Quality Review Organization (EQRO), as applicable
Description of Activity:
The State may examine disparities in access to care and oral health outcomes among enrollee subpopulations, including racial and ethnic groups, when data are available, reliable, and appropriate for analysis. Focused studies may be initiated in response to issues identified through routine monitoring activities, performance measure results, enrollee satisfaction surveys, grievance and appeal trends, or EQRO findings.
Analyses may draw from enrollee self-report data, performance data, or other relevant information sources to better understand variations in access, utilization, and oral health outcomes across populations.
Frequency of Use:
Focused studies are conducted on an as-needed basis, based on identified trends, emerging issues, or oversight priorities.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Focused studies provide the State with detailed information regarding potential disparities in access to dental services and oral health outcomes among enrollees. Results support ongoing State oversight and inform quality improvement activities, policy considerations, and targeted initiatives aimed at community outreach, improving access to care, and enhancing oral health outcomes for Louisiana?s Medicaid population.

g. ☒ **Geographic mapping**

Activity Details:

Strategy 4: Network Adequacy and Geographic Mapping Review
Personnel Responsible: Dental PAHP and State staff
Description of Strategy:
The State monitors network adequacy through review of documentation submitted by the dental PAHPs demonstrating that the provider network offers an appropriate range of dental services and is sufficient in number, provider type, and geographic distribution to meet the needs of enrolled members. Network adequacy reviews include assessment of compliance with contractual access standards related to geographic access, appointment availability, wait times, and timely access to services.
As part of this review, the State analyzes geographic mapping and geocoding data for network providers by provider type to assess network capacity and geographic coverage. The dental PAHP submits a Network Summary quarterly, and geomapping data on a semi-annual basis, or upon request, to support ongoing monitoring of provider distribution and access to care.
Frequency of Use:
Full network adequacy documentation and geographic mapping data are reviewed on a semi-annual basis. Appointment availability surveys results are reviewed annually.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Analysis of network adequacy, geographic mapping data and primary care linkage reports provide information regarding provider capacity, geographic access to dental services, and compliance with distance access standards. The data support development of regional assessments of the dental service delivery system, identification of potential access gaps or areas requiring further review, and evaluation of network performance over time. Findings are incorporated into quality improvement activities and monitored as part of ongoing oversight and corrective action processes, as appropriate.

h. ☐ **Independent Assessment** (Required for first two waiver periods)

Activity Details:

i. ☒ **Measure any Disparities by Racial or Ethnic Groups**

Activity Details:

Measure Disparities by Racial or Ethnic Group

Personnel Responsible:
State staff; External Quality Review Organization (EQRO), as applicable

Description of Activity:
The State may examine disparities in access to dental care and oral health outcomes among enrollee subpopulations, including racial and ethnic groups, through targeted analyses or focused studies when data are available, reliable, and appropriate for use. Disparity analyses may be informed by enrollee satisfaction surveys, performance measure data, grievance and appeal trends, or findings from External Quality Review activities.

Analyses are conducted in a manner consistent with data availability and quality and are intended to support identification of potential differences in access, utilization, and outcomes across enrollee populations.

Frequency of Use:
Disparity analyses are conducted on an as-needed basis, based on data availability, identified trends, or oversight priorities.

How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Analysis of racial and ethnic disparity data provides the State with information regarding potential differences in access to care and oral health outcomes among Medicaid enrollees. Results support ongoing State oversight and inform quality improvement activities, policy considerations, and initiatives aimed at community outreach, improving access to care, and enhancing oral health outcomes for Louisiana?s Medicaid population.

j. ☒ **Network Adequacy Assurance by Plan** [Required for MCO/PIHP/PAHP]

Activity Details:

Network Adequacy by Plan
Personnel Responsible:
State staff; Dental PAHPs
Description of Activity:
The State monitors network adequacy at the dental PAHP level through review of plan-specific network documentation and geographic mapping analyses, as described in the Activity Details under g. Geographic Mapping. Each dental PAHP submits network reports and supporting documentation that demonstrate compliance with contractual access standards related to provider capacity, provider type, and geographic distribution.
The State assesses whether each dental PAHP maintains a provider network that is sufficient in number, mix of provider types, and geographic coverage to meet enrollee needs and applicable access standards. Network adequacy reviews incorporate analysis of provider counts, geocoding and mapping data, appointment availability standards, and other access-related indicators.
Frequency of Use:
Network adequacy by plan is reviewed on a semi-annual basis and on an as-needed basis when access concerns, performance issues, or significant network changes are identified.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Plan-level network adequacy reviews provide the State with information regarding each dental PAHP?s ability to ensure timely and appropriate access to dental services for enrolled members. Analysis of network documentation and geographic mapping data supports identification of potential access gaps, provider shortages, or geographic disparities. Findings inform ongoing State oversight, targeted monitoring, and corrective action processes when network deficiencies are identified.

k. ☒ **Ombudsman**

Activity Details:

Ombudsman / Independent Enrollee Assistance
Personnel Responsible:
State staff; advocacy organizations; case management entities; support coordinators
Description of Activity:
The State provides access to independent enrollee assistance through multiple mechanisms to support enrollee-specific issues related to dental services. While the State does not operate a standalone managed care ombudsman program for dental PAHPs, Independent review processes are available for dental provider claim disputes in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 46, § 460.90.
In addition to the enrollee grievance and appeal processes, the State relies on advocacy organizations, case management entities, and support coordinators to assist enrollees with understanding dental benefits, navigating complaints and appeals processes, and addressing access to care concerns. These entities operate independently of the dental prepaid ambulatory health plans and serve as resources for enrollee advocacy and issue resolution.
Frequency of Use:
Independent enrollee assistance is available on an ongoing basis as enrollee needs arise.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Information and inquiries received through advocacy organizations, case management entities, and support coordinators provide the State with insight into enrollee access issues, recurring concerns, and programmatic barriers to care. This information supports ongoing State oversight and may inform targeted monitoring such as single case agreements for EPSDT beneficiaries, policy clarifications, or quality improvement efforts, as appropriate.

l. ☒ **On-Site Review**

Activity Details:

Frequency of Use:
Readiness reviews are conducted once per contract period, prior to implementation of services.

How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
The readiness review provides the State with information regarding whether the dental PAHP has policies, procedures, systems, and operational capacity in place to comply with contractual requirements and applicable provisions of 42 CFR Part 438. Findings from the review inform State determinations regarding program readiness and ongoing oversight activities.

m. ☒ **Performance Improvement Projects** [Required for MCO/PIHP]

Activity Details:

Performance Improvement Projects (PIPs) for Dental PAHPs

The dental PAHP conducts performance improvement projects that focus on both clinical and non-clinical areas, as identified or approved by the State. Each PIP is designed to achieve measurable improvement, sustained over time, in access to care, quality of dental services, or enrollee experience.

Each PIP must include, at a minimum, the following elements:

1. Measurement of performance using objective, clearly defined quality indicators;

2. Implementation of interventions designed to improve access to and quality of care;

3. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the interventions based on approved performance measures; and

4. Planning and initiation of activities to sustain improvement or achieve further gains.

The dental PAHP reports status and results of each PIP to the State upon request, but not less than annually. As approved by the State, the dental PAHP may develop and implement processes to assess the impact and effectiveness of its quality assessment and performance improvement activities.

☐ **Clinical**

☐ **Non-clinical**

n. ☒ **Performance Measures** [Required for MCO/PIHP]

Activity Details:

Performance Measure Monitoring and Compliance Enforcement

Personnel Responsible: State staff

Description of Strategy:
The State analyzes non-claims performance measure data submitted by the dental PAHPs to monitor compliance with contractual, state, and federal requirements related to access to care, utilization of dental services, quality, and identify areas for improvement. Performance measures are defined through contract provisions and include measures aligned with oral health objectives. The State requires the dental PAHPs to submit monthly, quarter and annual reports to support monitoring of contractual requirements.

The performance measures include: HEDIS Oral Evaluation, Dental Service (OED). Which assesses the percentage of EPSDT members who received a comprehensive or periodic oral evaluation by a dental provider during the calendar year measurement period.
Performance measures also include a clinical performance outcome aligned with CMS-416 Line 12b definition for preventive dental service utilization, which assesses the percentage of EPSDT enrollees, who receive at least 1 preventive dental services during the FFY measurement period.

State monitoring staff review performance measure results to identify underperformance, non-compliance, or emerging risks. When performance standards are not met, the State applies contractual remedies, which may include corrective action plans and financial penalties. Performance measure results are also used to inform quality improvement activities such as performance improvement projects and to support ongoing oversight of the dental PAHPs.

Frequency of Use:
Performance measure data are formally analyzed on an annual basis. Other non-claim performance reports are reviewed monthly, quarterly or semi-annually as applicable.

How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Analysis of performance measure data provides the State with information regarding access to dental services, utilization patterns, and compliance with quality and operational requirements. The data support identification of gaps in care, monitoring of progress toward performance standards, and assessment of the effectiveness of operational requirements, corrective actions and continuous improvement throughout the contract term.

☐ **Process**
☒ **Health status/ outcomes**
☐ **Access/ availability of care**
☒ **Use of services/ utilization**
☐ **Health plan stability/ financial/ cost of care**
☐ **Health plan/ provider characteristics**
☐ **Beneficiary characteristics**

o. ☒ **Periodic Comparison of # of Providers**

Activity Details:

Periodic Comparison of Number of Providers
Personnel Responsible:
Dental PAHP and State staff
Description of Strategy:
The State compares the number of participating dental providers through review of network reports submitted by the dental PAHPs. These reports are used to demonstrate that each dental PAHP maintains a provider network with a sufficient number of providers statewide to meet the needs of enrolled members.
In addition, State staff monitor the timely and accurate submission of participating dental provider information to the CMS Insure Kids Now (IKN) platform, as required. Findings from geographic mapping analyses are reviewed in conjunction with provider count trends to support a comprehensive assessment of network capacity and access.
Frequency of Use:
The dental PAHP submits Network Summary and Insure Kids Now (IKN) reports on a quarterly basis and Network Adequacy reports on a semi-annual basis, or upon request by the State.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Analysis of provider participation data allows the State to identify changes in provider availability over time and assess the adequacy of the statewide dental delivery system. Trends in increases or decreases in participating providers help identify potential access to care gaps or areas requiring additional monitoring. Findings inform State oversight activities, including provider recruitment strategies, incentive programs, and, when necessary, corrective action processes related to network insufficiency.

p. ☒ **Profile Utilization by Provider Caseload** (looking for outliers)

Activity Details:

Profile Utilization by Provider Caseload
Personnel Responsible:
State staff
Description of Strategy:
The State profiles service utilization and caseload at the primary dental provider level by analyzing utilization patterns relative to caseload to identify potential outliers. Provider-level utilization data are compared against peer providers to identify unusually high or low utilization patterns that may indicate access, quality, or operational concerns.
When potential outliers are identified, the State may conduct further review and take appropriate follow-up actions, which may include referral for additional review, as appropriate. This activity is intended to support program oversight and quality improvement and does not replace program integrity or fraud investigation processes. The State utilizes the Primary Dental Provider Linkage Report and the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Profile Report submitted by the dental PAHPs to identify providers whose patient load and utilization are significantly higher or lower than expected when compared to peers.
Frequency of Use:
The Primary Dental Provider Linkage Report and the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Profile Report are reviewed on a quarterly basis.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Analysis of provider-level utilization relative to caseload allows the State to identify utilization patterns that may signal access issues, quality concerns, or operational risks within the dental delivery system. Identifying outliers supports targeted oversight, informs quality improvement activities, and helps assess the effectiveness of provider participation and service delivery over time.

q. ☒ **Provider Self-Report Data**

Activity Details:

Provider Satisfaction Survey
Personnel Responsible:
Dental PAHP (DBP); State oversight
Description of Strategy:
The dental PAHP conducts an annual provider satisfaction survey to assess the experience of its primary dental provider network related to provider enrollment, communication, education, complaint resolution, claims processing and reimbursement, and utilization management processes.
Survey participants include contracted primary dental providers. Provider surveys are conducted annually through the dental PAHP?s provider portal. To encourage participation, the plans may send email invitations and fax messages to provider.
Survey results are analyzed by the dental PAHP?s Quality Improvement team. Survey domains that fall below the established satisfaction benchmark of 80% are presented to the Quality Improvement Committee for review. The committee develops and implements plan-wide improvement activities to address identified concerns.
The dental PAHP submits a summary of survey methodology, results, identified opportunities for improvement, and interventions implemented to the State no later than one hundred twenty (120) days following the end of the calendar year.
Frequency of Use:
Provider satisfaction survey data are reviewed annually by the State for contractual compliance and oversight purposes.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Analysis of provider satisfaction survey results provides information regarding provider experience, operational performance, and areas where improvements may be needed to support network stability and access to care. Survey findings inform quality improvement initiatives and assist the State in monitoring the effectiveness of the dental PAHP?s provider engagement and support processes.

☒ **Survey of providers**

☐ **Focus groups**

r. ☒ **Test 24/7 PCP Availability**

Activity Details:

Verification of After-Hours and Emergency Dental Access

Personnel Responsible:
State staff; Dental PAHP; EQRO

Description of Strategy:
The State monitors compliance with contractual requirements related to routine, follow-up, urgent, emergency, and after-hours dental care access for enrolled members, consistent with Dental PAHP contract provisions and applicable federal standards at 42 CFR §438.206. Dental PAHP contracts require alignment with industry standards for dentist hours of operation applicable to commercial dental insurance providers, including the provision of after-hours instructions and access to emergency dental services.

Monitoring activities may include review of dental PAHP policies and procedures, enrollee materials, and provider contracts; review of EQRO compliance findings; and annual review of Appointment Availability Survey Reports submitted by the dental PAHPs. These activities verify that enrollees are provided with appropriate information on how to obtain urgent or emergency dental care outside of regular business hours and that provider offices meet contractual availability standards. The State may also review grievance, appeal, or complaint data related to access to emergency or after-hours dental services to identify potential issues.

Frequency of Use:
Monitoring activities are conducted at least annually and on an as-needed basis, including during readiness reviews, compliance reviews, or when access concerns are identified.

How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
These monitoring activities provide the State with information regarding whether dental PAHPs maintain appropriate systems to ensure access to emergency and after-hours dental care and whether enrollees are adequately informed of how to obtain such care. Findings support ongoing State oversight of contractual access requirements and inform corrective action or quality improvement activities, as appropriate.

s. ☒ **Utilization Review** (e.g. ER, non-authorized specialist requests)

Activity Details:

Utilization Review
Personnel Responsible:
State staff; Dental PAHPs
Description of Activity:
The State monitors utilization management activities for dental services through review of prior authorization data and utilization management oversight documentation submitted by the dental PAHPs.
The dental plans are contractually required to establish and maintain a utilization management (UM) system to monitor utilization of dental services, including an automated service authorization system that supports prior authorization determinations, denials, service limitations, and reductions, in accordance with contractual requirements and applicable federal standards.
Dental PAHPs submit a Quarterly Prior Authorization Service Report that summaries authorization requests for dental services, including the number of requests received, approved, , and denied, consistent with contractual processing standards.
In addition, dental PAHPs are required to maintain a utilization management committee responsible for oversight of UM activities, including monitoring the appropriateness of care, review of utilization trends, record reviews, application of practice guidelines, and other utilization management functions. Documentation of utilization management committee activities, including meeting minutes, is submitted to the State on a quarterly basis for monitoring and oversight.
State monitoring staff review prior authorization data and UM committee documentation to assess compliance with contractual requirements, identify utilization trends, and detect potential access, quality, or operational concerns.
Frequency of Use:
Prior Authorization Service Reports and committee meeting documentation are reviewed on a quarterly basis and as-needed when utilization concerns, access issues, or compliance risks are identified.
How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
Review of prior authorization data and utilization management committee documentation provides the State with information regarding the dental PAHPs? application of utilization management criteria and oversight of service appropriateness. Analysis of approval and denial trends, utilization patterns, and committee findings supports identification of potential barriers to care, inappropriate utilization, or deviations from practice guidelines. Findings inform ongoing State oversight, targeted monitoring, and corrective action or quality improvement activities, as appropriate.

t. ☒ **Other**

Activity Details:

External Quality Review

Personnel Responsible:
Independent External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) contracted by the State

Description of Strategy:
External Quality Review (EQR) is conducted by an independent EQRO under contract with the State to assess the dental benefit program (DBP) for compliance with contractual requirements and applicable federal and state regulations.
The EQR process includes a comprehensive desk review of DBP policies, procedures, and program documentation, as well as interviews with DBP staff. As appropriate, the EQRO conducts interviews with stakeholders and perform data validation or confirmation activities to support its findings.
The EQRO review assesses compliance standards across the following fourteen domains:
1.Enrollment and Disenrollment Requirements and Limitations
2.Member Rights and Confidentiality
3.Member Information
4.Emergency and Poststabilization Services
5.Adequate Capacity and Availability of Services
6.Coordination and Continuity of Care
7.Coverage and Authorization of Services
8.Provider Selection
9.Subcontractual Relationships and Delegation
10.Practice Guidelines
11.Health Information Systems
12.Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement
13.Grievance and Appeal Systems
14.Program Integrity

Frequency of Use:
External Quality Reviews are conducted annually.

How the Activity Yields Information About the Area(s) Being Monitored:
External Quality Review provides the State with independent, objective information regarding the DBP?s compliance with contractual and regulatory requirements. Information obtained through document review, interviews, and data analysis identify strengths, deficiencies, and areas requiring improvement. When non-compliance or performance concerns are identified, the State may require the DBP to develop and implement corrective action plans. Results of the External Quality Review are used to inform ongoing State oversight, quality improvement activities, and monitoring of corrective actions.

Section C: Monitoring Results

Renewal Waiver Request

Section 1915(b) of the Act and 42 CFR 431.55 require that the State must document and maintain data regarding the effect of the waiver on the accessibility and quality of services as well as the anticipated impact of the project on the State?s Medicaid program. In Section B of this waiver preprint, the State describes how it will assure these requirements are met. For an initial waiver request, the State provides assurance in this Section C that it will report on the results of its monitoring plan when it submits its waiver renewal request. For a renewal request, the State provides evidence that waiver requirements were met for the most recent waiver period. Please use Section D to provide evidence of cost-effectiveness.

CMS uses a multi-pronged effort to monitor waiver programs, including rate and contract review, site visits, reviews of External Quality Review reports on MCOs/PIHPs, and reviews of Independent Assessments. CMS will use the results of these activities

and reports along with this Section to evaluate whether the Program Impact, Access, and Quality requirements of the waiver were met.

This is a renewal request.

- ○ **This is the first time the State is using this waiver format to renew an existing waiver.**The State provides below the results of the monitoring activities conducted during the previous waiver period.
- ◉ **The State has used this format previously**The State provides below the results of the monitoring activities conducted during the previous waiver period.

For each of the monitoring activities checked in Section B of the previous waiver request, the State should:

- **Confirm** it was conducted as described in Section B of the previous waiver preprint. If it was not done as described, please explain why.
- **Summarize the results** or findings of each activity. CMS may request detailed results as appropriate.
- **Identify problems** found, if any.
- **Describe plan/provider-level corrective action**, if any, that was taken. The State need not identify the provider/plan by name, but must provide the rest of the required information.
- **Describe system-level program changes**, if any, made as a result of monitoring findings.

The Monitoring Activities were conducted as described:

◉ **Yes** ○ **No**

If No, please explain:

Provide the results of the monitoring activities:

See attachment 'LA.0005.R03 - Section C. Monitoring Results'

Section D: Cost-Effectiveness

Medical Eligibility Groups

Title	
MEG 7 - Residential Options Waiver	
MEG 1 - Medicaid Children (ages 0 through 20)	
MEG 5 -Medicaid Expansion Adults (ages 21+)	
MEG 4 _Medicaid Expansion Children (ages 19-20)	
MEG 3 - CHIP	
MEG 6 - New Opportunities Waiver	
MEG 9 - Adult ICF/IID	
MEG 8 - Supports Waiver	
MEG 2 - Medicaid Adults (duals and non-duals)	

	First Period		Second Period	
	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
Actual Enrollment for the Time Period**	07/01/2023	06/30/2024	07/01/2024	06/30/2025
Enrollment Projections for the Time Period*	07/01/2026	06/30/2027	07/01/2027	06/30/2028
**Include actual data and dates used in conversion - no estimates *Projections start on Quarter and include data for requested waiver period				

Section D: Cost-Effectiveness

Services Included in the Waiver

Document the services included in the waiver cost-effectiveness analysis:

Service Name	State Plan Service	1915(b)(3) Service	Included in Actual Waiver Cost	
Preventive Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	
Fixed Prosthodontics Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	
Periodontal Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	
Removable Prosthodontics Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Services	☒	☐	☒	
Endodontic Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	
Diagnostic Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	
Restorative Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	
Orthodontic Services	☒	☐	☒	
Adjunctive General Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	
Maxillofacial Prosthetics Dental Services	☒	☐	☒	

Section D: Cost-Effectiveness

Part I: State Completion Section

A. Assurances

a. [Required] Through the submission of this waiver, the State assures CMS:

- The fiscal staff in the Medicaid agency has reviewed these calculations for accuracy and attests to their correctness.
- The State assures CMS that the actual waiver costs will be less than or equal to or the State?s waiver cost projection.
- Capitated rates will be set following the requirements of 42 CFR 438.6(c) and will be submitted to the CMS Regional Office for approval.
- Capitated 1915(b)(3) services will be set in an actuarially sound manner based only on approved 1915(b)(3) services and their administration subject to CMS RO prior approval.
- The State will monitor, on a regular basis, the cost-effectiveness of the waiver (for example, the State may compare the PMPM Actual Waiver Cost from the CMS 64 to the approved Waiver Cost Projections). If changes are needed, the State will submit a prospective amendment modifying the Waiver Cost Projections.
- The State will submit quarterly actual member month enrollment statistics by MEG in conjunction with the State?s submitted CMS-64 forms.

Signature: Brian Bennett

State Medicaid Director or Designee

Submission Date: Jan 16, 2026

Note: The Signature and Submission Date fields will be automatically completed when the State Medicaid Director submits the application.

Cost-effectiveness spreadsheet is required for all 1915b waiver submissions.

b. Name of Medicaid Financial Officer making these assurances:

Pam Diez

c. Telephone Number:

(225) 219-3455

d. E-mail:

Pam.Diez@la.gov

e. The State is choosing to report waiver expenditures based on

- ◉ **date of payment.**
- ○ **date of service within date of payment. The State understands the additional reporting requirements in the CMS-64 and has used the cost effectiveness spreadsheets designed specifically for reporting by date of service within day of payment. The State will submit an initial test upon the first renewal and then an initial and final test (for the preceding 4 years) upon the second renewal and thereafter.**

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B. Expedited or Comprehensive Test

To provide information on the waiver program to determine whether the waiver will be subject to the Expedited or Comprehensive cost effectiveness test. *Note: All waivers, even those eligible for the Expedited test, are subject to further review at the discretion of CMS and OMB.*

b. ☐ The State provides additional services under 1915(b)(3) authority.

c. ☐ The State makes enhanced payments to contractors or providers.

d. ☐ The State uses a sole-source procurement process to procure State Plan services under this waiver.

e. ☐ The State uses a sole-source procurement process to procure State Plan services under this waiver. *Note: do not mark this box if this is a waiver for transportation services and dental pre-paid ambulatory health plans (PAHPs) that has overlapping populations with another waiver meeting one of these three criteria. For transportation and dental waivers alone, States do not need to consider an overlapping population with another waiver containing additional services, enhanced payments, or sole source procurement as a trigger for the comprehensive waiver test. However, if the transportation services or dental PAHP waiver meets the criteria in a, b, or c for additional services, enhanced payments, or sole source procurement then the State should mark the appropriate box and process the waiver using the Comprehensive Test.*

If you marked any of the above, you must complete the entire preprint and your renewal waiver is subject to the Comprehensive Test. If you did not mark any of the above, your renewal waiver (not conversion or initial waiver) is subject to the Expedited Test:

- Do not complete ***Appendix D3***
- Your waiver will not be reviewed by OMB *at the discretion of CMS and OMB.*

The following questions are to be completed in conjunction with the Worksheet Appendices. All narrative explanations should be included in the preprint. Where further clarification was needed, we have included additional information in the preprint.

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C. Capitated portion of the waiver only: Type of Capitated Contract

The response to this question should be the same as in A.I.b.

a. ☐ **MCO**

b. ☐ **PIHP**

c. ☒ **PAHP**

d. ☐ **PCCM**

e. ☐ **Other**

Please describe:

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D. PCCM portion of the waiver only: Reimbursement of PCCM Providers

Under this waiver, providers are reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. PCCMs are reimbursed for patient management in the following manner (please check and describe):

a. ☐ **Management fees are expected to be paid under this waiver.**
The management fees were calculated as follows.

1. ☐ **Year 1:$** _____ **per member per month fee.**
2. ☐ **Year 2:$** _____ **per member per month fee.**
3. ☐ **Year 3:$** _____ **per member per month fee.**
4. ☐ **Year 4:$** _____ **per member per month fee.**

b. ☐ **Enhanced fee for primary care services.**
Please explain which services will be affected by enhanced fees and how the amount of the enhancement was determined.

c. ☐ **Bonus payments from savings generated under the program are paid to case managers who control beneficiary utilization.** Under **D.I.H.d.**, please describe the criteria the State will use for awarding the incentive payments, the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the providers do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projections (Appendix D5). Bonus payments and incentives for reducing utilization are limited to savings of State Plan service costs under the waiver. Please also describe how the State will ensure that utilization is not adversely affected due to incentives inherent in the bonus payments. The costs associated with any bonus arrangements must be accounted for in Appendix D3. Actual Waiver Cost.

d. ☐ **Other reimbursement method/amount.**
$ _____
Please explain the State's rationale for determining this method or amount.

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E. Member Months

Please mark all that apply.

a. ☒ [Required] Population in the base year and R1 and R2 data is the population under the waiver.

b. ☒ For a renewal waiver, because of the timing of the waiver renewal submittal, the State did not have a complete R2 to submit. Please ensure that the formulas correctly calculated the annualized trend rates. *Note: it is no longer acceptable to estimate enrollment or cost data for R2 of the previous waiver period.*

c. ☒ [Required] Explain the reason for any increase or decrease in member months projections from the base year or over time:

The projected enrollment for the first quarter of waiver year 1 (P1) is based on an assumed 1.0% trend over the reported July-September 2025 dental program membership.
Subsequent enrollment during the 5-year waiver period is trended at 0.2% quarterly.

d. ☐ [Required] Explain any other variance in eligible member months from BY/R1 to P2:

e. ☒ [Required] Specify whether the BY/R1/R2 is a State fiscal year (SFY), Federal fiscal year (FFY), or other period:

The State?s R1 and R2 are on a state fiscal year schedule.
- R1 = July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
- R2 = July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

Appendix D1 ? Member Months

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F. Appendix D2.S - Services in Actual Waiver Cost

For Conversion or Renewal Waivers:

- ☒ **[Required] Explain if different services are included in the Actual Waiver Cost from the previous period in Appendix D3 than for the upcoming waiver period in Appendix D5.**
  Explain the differences here and how the adjustments were made on Appendix D5:

There are no changes in services between the previous period and the upcoming waiver period. All State Plan dental services identified under Section A, Part I, subsection F of this preprint for Medicaid/CHIP have been included.

a. ☒ **[Required] Explain the exclusion of any services from the cost-effectiveness analysis.**
For States with multiple waivers serving a single beneficiary, please document how all costs for waiver covered individuals taken into account.

No State Plan dental services are excluded from the cost-effectiveness projections. Related services, such as pharmacy and physician services, are included in the Healthy Louisiana program and not part of this waiver.

Appendix D2.S: Services in Waiver Cost

State Plan Services	MCO Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by MCO	PCCM FFS Reimbursement	PIHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PIHP	PAHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PAHP
Preventive Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Fixed Prosthodontics Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐

State Plan Services	MCO Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by MCO	PCCM FFS Reimbursement	PIHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PIHP	PAHP Capitated Reimbursement	FFS Reimbursement impacted by PAHP
Periodontal Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Removable Prosthodontics Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Endodontic Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Diagnostic Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Restorative Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Orthodontic Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Adjunctive General Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐
Maxillofacial Prosthetics Dental Services	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☒	☐

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G. Appendix D2.A - Administration in Actual Waiver Cost

[Required] The State allocated administrative costs between the Fee-for-service and managed care program depending upon the program structure. *Note: initial programs will enter only FFS costs in the BY. Renewal and Conversion waivers will enter all waiver and FFS administrative costs in the R1 and R2 or BY.*
The allocation method for either initial or renewal waivers is explained below:

a. ☐ **The State allocates the administrative costs to the managed care program based upon the number of waiver enrollees as a percentage of total Medicaid enrollees***Note: this is appropriate for MCO/PCCM programs.*

b. ☒ **The State allocates administrative costs based upon the program cost as a percentage of the total Medicaid budget. It would not be appropriate to allocate the administrative cost of a mental health program based upon the percentage of enrollees enrolled.***Note: this is appropriate for statewide PIHP/PAHP programs.*

c. ☐ **Other**
Please explain:

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H. Appendix D3 - Actual Waiver Cost

a. ☐ The State is requesting a 1915(b)(3) waiver in **Section A.I.A.1.c** and will be providing non-state plan medical services. The State will be spending a portion of its waiver savings for additional services under the waiver.

b. ☐ **The State is including voluntary populations in the waiver.**
Describe below how the issue of selection bias has been addressed in the Actual Waiver Cost calculations:

c. ☒ **Capitated portion of the waiver only -- Reinsurance or Stop/Loss Coverage:** Please note how the State will be providing or requiring reinsurance or stop/loss coverage as required under the regulation. States may require MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs to purchase reinsurance. Similarly, States may provide stop-loss coverage to MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs when MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs exceed certain payment thresholds for individual enrollees. Stop loss provisions usually set limits on maximum days of coverage or number of services for which the MCO/PIHP/PAHP will be responsible. If the State plans to provide stop/loss coverage, a description is required. The State must document the probability of incurring costs in excess of the stop/loss level and the frequency of such occurrence based on FFS experience. The expenses per capita (also known as the stoploss premium amount) should be deducted from the capitation year projected costs. In the initial application, the effect should be neutral. In the renewal report, the actual reinsurance cost and claims cost should be reported in Actual Waiver Cost.
Basis and Method:

1. ☒ **The State does not provide stop/loss protection for MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs, but requires MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs to purchase reinsurance coverage privately. No adjustment was necessary.**
2. ☐ **The State provides stop/loss protection**
   Describe below how the issue of selection bias has been addressed in the Actual Waiver Cost calculations:

d. ☒ **Incentive/bonus/enhanced Payments for both Capitated and fee-for-service Programs:**

1. ☒ **[For the capitated portion of the waiver] the total payments under a capitated contract include any incentives the State provides in addition to capitated payments under the waiver program.** The costs associated with any bonus arrangements must be accounted for in the capitated costs (Column D of Appendix D3 Actual Waiver Cost). Regular State Plan service capitated adjustments would apply.

   Document

   i. **Document the criteria for awarding the incentive payments.**
   ii. **Document the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and**
   iii. **Document the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projection.**

   Incentive and bonus payments under the capitated portion of the waiver, including Dental Incentive Payment Program (DIPP) payments, are included in Column D of Appendix D3 (Actual Waiver Cost). The criteria for awarding incentive payments and the methodology used to calculate incentive and bonus amounts are documented in the CMS-approved state directed payment preprint.

   To ensure that total payments under the waiver do not exceed the approved waiver cost projections, the State conducts ongoing financial monitoring. Actual waiver expenditures, including capitated payments and associated incentive and bonus payments, are compared to projected waiver costs on a quarterly basis. This review allows the State to monitor spending trends, identify variances between actual and projected costs, and ensure continued compliance with waiver cost-effectiveness requirements.

2. ☐ **For the fee-for-service portion of the waiver, all fee-for-service must be accounted for in the fee-for-service incentive costs (Column G of Appendix D3 Actual Waiver Cost).**). For PCCM providers, the amount listed should match information provided in D.I.D Reimbursement of Providers. Any

adjustments applied would need to meet the special criteria for fee-for-service incentives if the State elects to provide incentive payments in addition to management fees under the waiver program (See D.I.I.e and D.I.J.e)

Document:

i. **Document the criteria for awarding the incentive payments.**
ii. **Document the method for calculating incentives/bonuses, and**
iii. **Document the monitoring the State will have in place to ensure that total payments to the MCOs/PIHPs/PAHPs/PCCMs do not exceed the Waiver Cost Projection.**

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This section is only applicable to Initial waivers

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (3 of 8)

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I. Appendix D4 - Adjustments in the Projection OR Conversion Waiver for DOS within DOP (5 of 8)

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a. State Plan Services Trend Adjustment ? the State must trend the data forward to reflect cost and utilization increases. The R1 and R2 (BY for conversion) data already include the actual Medicaid cost changes for the population enrolled in the program. This adjustment reflects the expected cost and utilization increases in the managed care program from R2 (BY for conversion) to the end of the waiver (P2). Trend adjustments may be service-specific and expressed as percentage factors. Some states calculate utilization and cost separately, while other states calculate a single trend rate. The State must document the method used and how utilization and cost increases are not duplicative if they are calculated separately. **. This adjustment must be mutually exclusive of programmatic/policy/pricing changes and CANNOT be taken twice. The State must document how it ensures there is no duplication with programmatic/policy/pricing changes.**

1. ☒ **[Required, if the State?s BY or R2 is more than 3 months prior to the beginning of P1] The State is using actual State cost increases to trend past data to the current time period (i.e., trending from 1999 to present).**

   The actual trend rate used is: 4.50

   Please document how that trend was calculated:

   The 4.5% inflationary trend was assume based on a review of general Medicaid dental industry trends and recent experience observed in the LA Medicaid dental program. This assumption was applied for 2 years from the midpoint of R2 to the midpoint of P1. An additional 5% trend was applied to MEGs 1 and 3 to account for the introduction of a new incentive program related to special needs pediatric dental patients.

2. ☒ **[Required, to trend BY/R2 to P1 and P2 in the future] When cost increases are unknown and in the future, the State is using a predictive trend of either State historical cost increases or national or regional factors that are predictive of future costs (same requirement as capitated ratesetting regulations)** *(i.e., trending from present into the future).*

   i. ☒ **State historical cost increases.**

      Please indicate the years on which the rates are based: base years. In addition, please indicate the mathematical method used (multiple regression, linear regression, chi-square, least squares, exponential smoothing, etc.). Finally, please note and explain if the State?s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase such as changes in technology, practice patterns, and/or units of service PMPM.

State Plan inflationary adjustments from P2 through P5 were set at 5% based on a review of general Medicaid dental industry trends and recent experience observed in the LA Medicaid dental program consistent with the 4.5% annual trend noted for P1. However, an additional 0.5% adjustment was included in P2-P5 to account for potential case and enrollment mix changes within each MEG.

ii. ☐ National or regional factors that are predictive of this waiver?s future costs.

Please indicate the services and indicators used. In addition, please indicate how this factor was determined to be predictive of this waiver?s future costs. Finally, please note and explain if the State?s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase such as changes in technology, practice patterns, and/or units of service PMPM.

3. ☐ The State estimated the PMPM cost changes in units of service, technology and/or practice patterns that would occur in the waiver separate from cost increase.

Utilization adjustments made were service-specific and expressed as percentage factors. The State has documented how utilization and cost increases were not duplicated. This adjustment reflects the changes in utilization between R2 and P1 and between years P1 and P2.

i. Please indicate the years on which the utilization rate was based (if calculated separately only).

ii. Please document how the utilization did not duplicate separate cost increase trends.

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b. State Plan Services Programmatic/Policy/Pricing Change Adjustment: This adjustment should account for any programmatic changes that are not cost neutral and that affect the Waiver Cost Projection. For example, changes in rates, changes brought about by legal action, or changes brought about by legislation. For example, Federal mandates, changes in hospital payment from per diem rates to Diagnostic Related Group (DRG) rates or changes in the benefit coverage of the FFS program. **This adjustment must be mutually exclusive of trend and CANNOT be taken twice. The State must document how it ensures there is no duplication with trend.** If the State is changing one of the aspects noted above in the FFS State Plan then the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment. *Note: FFP on rates cannot be claimed until CMS approves the SPA per the 1/2/01 SMD letter. Prior approval of capitation rates is contingent upon approval of the SPA.* The R2 data was adjusted for changes that will occur after the R2 (BY for conversion) and during P1 and P2 that affect the overall Medicaid program.

Others:

- Additional State Plan Services (+)
- Reductions in State Plan Services (-)
- Legislative or Court Mandated Changes to the Program Structure or fee
- Graduate Medical Education (GME) Changes - This adjustment accounts for **changes** in any GME payments in the program. 42 CFR 438.6(c)(5) specifies that States can include or exclude GME payments from the capitation rates. However, GME payments must be included in cost-effectiveness calculations.
- Copayment Changes - This adjustment accounts for changes from R2 to P1 in any copayments that are collected under the FFS program, but not collected in the MCO/PIHP/PAHP capitated program. States must ensure that these copayments are included in the Waiver Cost Projection if not to be collected in the capitated program. If the State is changing the copayments in the FFS program then the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment.

1. ☐ The State has chosen not to make an adjustment because there were no programmatic or policy changes in the FFS program after the MMIS claims tape was created. In addition, the State anticipates no programmatic or policy changes during the waiver period.

2. ☒ An adjustment was necessary. The adjustment(s) is(are) listed and described below:

i. ☐ The State projects an externally driven State Medicaid managed care rate increases/decreases between the base and rate periods.
Please list the changes.

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

A. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
PMPM size of adjustment

B. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.
Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

C. ☐ Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.
PMPM size of adjustment

D. ☐ Determine adjustment for Medicare Part D dual eligibles.

E. ☐ Other:
Please describe

ii. ☐ The State has projected no externally driven managed care rate increases/decreases in the managed care rates.

iii. ☐ Changes brought about by legal action:
Please list the changes.

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

A. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
PMPM size of adjustment

B. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.
Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

C. ☐ Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.
PMPM size of adjustment

D. ☐ Other
Please describe

iv. ☐ Changes in legislation.
Please list the changes.

For the list of changes above, please report the following:

A. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
PMPM size of adjustment

B. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.
Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

C. ☐ Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA
PMPM size of adjustment

D. ☐ Other
Please describe

v. ☒ Other
Please describe:

A. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based upon a newly approved State Plan Amendment (SPA).
PMPM size of adjustment

B. ☐ The size of the adjustment was based on pending SPA.
Approximate PMPM size of adjustment

C. ☐ Determine adjustment based on currently approved SPA.
PMPM size of adjustment

D. ☒ Other
Please describe

A state plan programmatic change was reflected to account for actual capitation rate increases that are in effect for the SFY 2026 rating period. The noted adjustments are reflected in Column L of Tab D5. Waiver Cost Projection.

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c. Administrative Cost Adjustment: This adjustment accounts for changes in the managed care program. The administrative expense factor in the renewal is based on the administrative costs for the eligible population participating in the waiver for managed care. Examples of these costs include per claim claims processing costs, additional per record PRO review costs, and additional Surveillance and Utilization Review System (SURS) costs; as well as actuarial contracts, consulting, encounter data processing, independent assessments, EQRO reviews, etc. *Note: one-time administration costs should not be built into the cost-effectiveness test on a long-term basis. States should use all relevant Medicaid administration claiming rules for administration costs they attribute to the managed care program.* If the State is changing the administration in the fee-for-service program then the State needs to estimate the impact of that adjustment.

1. ☐ No adjustment was necessary and no change is anticipated.

2. ☒ An administrative adjustment was made.

i. ☐ Administrative functions will change in the period between the beginning of P1 and the end of P2.
Please describe:

ii. ☒ Cost increases were accounted for.

A. ☐ Determine administration adjustment based upon an approved contract or cost allocation plan amendment (CAP).

B. ☐ Determine administration adjustment based on pending contract or cost allocation plan amendment (CAP).

C. ☒ State Historical State Administrative Inflation. THe actual trend rate used isPMPM size of adjustment

3.00

Please describe:

See attachment "1915b REN Waiv Cost Eff App_5yr_2027-2031" Please note the administrative expense trend for P1 is approximately 6.1% as this trend reflects two years of 3.0% trend.

D. ☐ Other
Please describe:

iii. ☐ [Required, when State Plan services were purchased through a sole source procurement with a governmental entity. No other State administrative adjustment is allowed.] If cost increase trends are unknown and in the future, the State must use the lower of: Actual State administration costs trended forward at the State historical administration trend rate or Actual State administration costs trended forward at the State Plan services trend rate.
Please document both trend rates and indicate which trend rate was used.

A. Actual State Administration costs trended forward at the State historical administration

trend rate.

Please indicate the years on which the rates are based: base years

In addition, please indicate the mathematical method used (multiple regression, linear regression, chi-square, least squares, exponential smoothing, etc.). Finally, please note and explain if the State?s cost increase calculation includes more factors than a price increase.

B. Actual State Administration costs trended forward at the State Plan Service Trend rate.
Please indicate the State Plan Service trend rate from Section D.I.J.a. above

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d. 1915(b)(3) Adjustment: The State must document the amount of State Plan Savings that will be used to provide additional 1915(b)(3) services in ***Section D.I.H.a*** above. The Base Year already includes the actual trend for the State Plan services in the program. This adjustment reflects the expected trend in the 1915(b)(3) services between the Base Year and P1 of the waiver and the trend between the beginning of the program (P1) and the end of the program (P2). Trend adjustments may be service-specific and expressed as percentage factors.

1. ☐ [Required, if the State?s BY is more than 3 months prior to the beginning of P1 to trend BY to P1] The State is using the actual State historical trend to project past data to the current time period (i.e., trending from 1999 to present).
The actual documented trend is:

Please provide documentation.

2. ☐ [Required, when the State?s BY is trended to P2. No other 1915(b)(3) adjustment is allowed] If trends are unknown and in the future (i.e., trending from present into the future), the State must use the lower of State historical 1915(b)(3) trend or State?s trend for State Plan Services. Please document both trend rates and indicate which trend rate was used.

i. A. State historical 1915(b)(3) trend rates

1. Please indicate the years on which the rates are based: base years

2. Please provide documentation.

B. State Plan Service trend

Please indicate the State Plan Service trend rate from Section D.I.J.a. above

e. Incentives (not in capitated payment) Trend Adjustment: If the State marked **Section D.I.H.d ,** then this

adjustment reports trend for that factor. Trend is limited to the rate for State Plan services.

1. List the State Plan trend rate by MEG from Section D.I.I.a

2. List the Incentive trend rate by MEG if different from Section D.I.I.a

3. Explain any differences:

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p. *Other adjustments* including but not limited to federal government changes.

- If the federal government changes policy affecting Medicaid reimbursement, the State must adjust P1 and P2 to reflect all changes.
- Once the State?s FFS institutional excess UPL is phased out, CMS will no longer match excess institutional UPL payments.
- - Excess payments addressed through transition periods should not be included in the 1915(b) cost effectiveness process. Any State with excess payments should exclude the excess amount and only include the supplemental amount under 100% of the institutional UPL in the cost effectiveness process.
  - For all other payments made under the UPL, including supplemental payments, the costs should be included in the cost effectiveness calculations. This would apply to PCCM enrollees and to PAHP, PIHP or MCO enrollees if the institutional services were provided as FFS wrap around. The recipient of the supplemental payment does not matter for the purposes of this analysis.
- **Pharmacy Rebate Factor Adjustment (Conversion Waivers Only)** *: Rebates that States receive from drug manufacturers should be deducted from Base Year costs if pharmacy services are included in the capitated base. If the base year costs are not reduced by the rebate factor, an inflated BY would result. Pharmacy rebates should also be deducted from FFS costs if pharmacy services are impacted by the waiver but not capitated.

  Basis and Method:

  1. ☐ Determine the percentage of Medicaid pharmacy costs that the rebates represent and adjust the base year costs by this percentage. States may want to make separate adjustments for prescription versus over the counter drugs and for different rebate percentages by population. States may assume that the rebates for the targeted population occur in the same proportion as the rebates for the total Medicaid population **which includes accounting for Part D dual eligibles**. Please account for this adjustment in **Appendix D5.**
  2. ☐ The State has not made this adjustment because pharmacy is not an included capitation service and the capitated contractor?s providers do not prescribe drugs that are paid for by the State in FFS **or Part D for the dual eligibles**.
  3. ☐ Other

     Please describe:

1. ☒ No adjustment was made.
2. ☐ This adjustment was made. This adjustment must be mathematically accounted for in Appendix D5. Please describe

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K. Appendix D5 ? Waiver Cost Projection

The State should complete these appendices and include explanations of all adjustments in Section D.I.I and D.I.J above.

See attached Cost Effectiveness Workbook - Appendix D5

Appendix D5 ? Waiver Cost Projection

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L. Appendix D6 ? RO Targets

The State should complete these appendices and include explanations of all trends in enrollment in Section D.I.E. above.

See attachment"1915b REN Waiv Cost Eff App_5yr_2027-2031"

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M. Appendix D7 - Summary

a. Please explain any variance in the overall percentage change in spending from BY/R1 to P2.

The projection of member months was based on current trends and overall growth in the Medicaid program since the base year period. The projected enrollment for the first quarter of waiver year 1 (P1) is based on an assumed 1.0% trend over the reported July-September 2025 dental program membership. Subsequent enrollment during the 5-year waiver period is trended at 0.2% quarterly. A claims trend of 4.5% annually for P1 and 5.0% annual for P2 through P5 is assumed. Please note P1 includes 2 years of trend (approximately 9.2%).

1. Please explain caseload changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I. This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in Section D.I.E.c & d:

The projection of member months was based on current trends and overall growth in the Medicaid program since the base year period. The projected enrollment for the first quarter of waiver year 1 (P1) is based on an assumed 1.0% trend over the reported July-September 2025 dental program membership. Subsequent enrollment during the 5-year waiver period is trended at 0.2% quarterly.

2. Please explain unit cost changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I.

This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in the State?s explanation of cost increase given in Section D.I.I and D.I.J:

TThe 4.5% inflationary trend was selected based on a review of general Medicaid dental industry trends and recent experience observed in the LA Medicaid dental program. This assumption was applied for 2 years from the midpoint of R2 to the midpoint of P1. An additional 5% trend was applied to MEGs 1 and 3 to account for the introduction of a new incentive program related to special needs pediatric dental patients.
State Plan inflationary adjustments from P2 through P5 were set at 5% based on a review of general Medicaid dental industry trends and recent experience observed in the LA Medicaid dental program consistent with the 4.5% annual trend noted for P1. However, an additional 0.5% adjustment was included in P2-P5 to account for potential case and enrollment mix changes within each MEG.

3. Please explain utilization changes contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I. This response should be consistent with or the same as the answer given by the State in the State?s explanation of utilization given in Section D.I.I and D.I.J:

An additional 5% trend was applied to MEGs 1 and 3 to account for the introduction of a new incentive program related to special needs pediatric dental patients. Additionally, a 0.5% adjustment was included in P2-P5 to account for potential case and enrollment mix changes within each MEG.

b. Please note any other principal factors contributing to the overall annualized rate of change in Appendix D7 Column I.

Appendix D7 - Summary