

**Medicaid Section 1115 Substance Use Disorder & Serious Mental Illness and Serious  
Emotional Disturbance Demonstrations  
Monitoring Report Template**

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**1. Title page for the state’s substance use disorder (SUD) and serious mental illness and serious emotional disturbance (SMI/SED) demonstrations or the SUD and SMI/SED components of the broader demonstration**

*This section collects information on the approval features of the state’s section 1115 demonstration overall, followed by information for the SUD and SMI/SED components. The state completed this title page as part of its SUD and SMI/SED monitoring protocol(s). The state should complete this table using the corresponding information from its CMS-approved monitoring protocol(s) and submit this as the title page of all monitoring reports. The content of this table should stay consistent over time. Definitions for certain rows are below the table.*

Overall section 1115 demonstration	
State	District of Columbia
Demonstration name	Behavioral Health Transformation
Approval period for section 1115 demonstration	01/01/2020 – 12/31/2024
Reporting period	10/01/2024 – 12/31/2024
SUD demonstration	
SUD component start date <sup>a</sup>	01/01/2020
Implementation date of SUD component, if different from SUD component start date <sup>b</sup>	
SUD-related demonstration goals and objectives	The goal of the demonstration is for the District to maintain and enhance access to opioid use disorder (OUD) and other substance use disorder (SUD) services; and continue delivery system improvements to provide more coordinated and comprehensive treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries with SUD. This demonstration authorizes the District to receive federal financial participation (FFP) for delivering high-quality, clinically appropriate treatment to beneficiaries diagnosed with SUD and receiving treatment while they are short-term residents in settings that qualify as Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs). This demonstration also complements the District’s efforts to implement models of care that are focused on increasing supports for individuals outside of institutions, in home and community-based settings (HCBS), to improve their access to SUD services at varied levels of intensity, and to combat OUD and other SUDs among District residents.
SUD demonstration year and quarter	SUD DY5Q4

SMI/SED demonstration	
SMI/SED component demonstration start date <sup>a</sup>	01/01/2020
Implementation date of SMI/SED component, if different from SMI/SED component start date <sup>b</sup>	
SMI/SED-related demonstration goals and objectives	The goal of this demonstration is for the District to maintain and enhance access to mental health services and continue delivery system improvements to provide more coordinated and comprehensive treatment for Medicaid beneficiaries with serious mental illness (SMI) and serious emotional disturbance (SED). This demonstration authorizes the District to receive federal financial participation (FFP) for delivering high-quality, clinically appropriate treatment to beneficiaries diagnosed with SMI and receiving treatment while they are short-term residents in settings that qualify as Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD). This demonstration also complements the District's efforts to implement models of care that are focused on increasing supports for individuals outside of institutions, in home and community-based settings (HCBS) to improve their access to SMI/SED services at varied levels of intensity.
SMI/SED demonstration year and quarter	SMI/SED DY5Q4

<sup>a</sup> **SUD and SMI/SED demonstration components start dates:** For monitoring purposes, CMS defines the start date of the demonstration as the *effective date* listed in the state's STCs at time of SUD and SMI/SED demonstration component approvals. For example, if the state's STCs at the time of SUD demonstration approval note that the SUD demonstration is effective January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2025, the state should consider January 1, 2020 to be the start date of the SUD demonstration. Note that the effective date is considered to be the first day the state may begin its SUD or SMI/SED demonstration component. In many cases, the effective date is distinct from the approval date of a demonstration; that is, in certain cases, CMS may approve a section 1115 demonstration with an effective date that is in the future. For example, CMS may approve an extension request on December 15, 2020, with an effective date of January 1, 2021 for the new demonstration period. In many cases, the effective date also differs from the date a state begins implementing its demonstration.

<sup>b</sup> **Implementation date of SUD and SMI/SED demonstration components:** The date the state began claiming or will begin claiming federal financial participation for services provided to individuals in institutions for mental disease.

## **2. Executive summary**

There were some significant changes in the SUD and SMI/SED metrics, as detailed below.

Per the Annual Availability Assessment of Mental Health Services, overall Medicaid enrollment declined due to the restart of Medicaid renewals (also known as the “unwinding”) in 2024 while the number of beneficiaries with mental health service needs increased, which led to an increase in the percent of total Medicaid beneficiaries with SMI/SED. Many mental health provider counts have remained stable and the District has seen increases in several notable categories, as described in detail in the relevant section below.

The District expended \$72,063,057.97 in local funding for outpatient community-based mental health services in FY24, compared to \$30,343,484.26 in FY19. Several factors contributed to the increase in local expenditures and are detailed in the relevant section below.

The District held the annual post-award public forum on December 18, 2024 as part of the December Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting. About 55 attendees participated in the meeting. Comments received at the forum are summarized in the relevant section below.

### 3. Narrative information on implementation, by milestone and reporting topic

#### A. SUD component

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>1. Assessment of need and qualification for SUD services</b>			
<b>1.1 Metric trends#2 Medicaid Beneficiaries with Newly Initiated SUD</b>			
1.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to assessment of need and qualification for SUD services.		#2 Medicaid Beneficiaries with Newly Initiated SUD	The District calculates a 12% decrease in the number of Medicaid beneficiaries with newly initiated SUD between DY5 Q2 (4/1/24-6/30/24) and DY5 Q3 (7/1/24-9/30/24). The design of this metric causes alternating quarterly increases. After a decline last quarter, there was an increase this quarter.
<b>1.2 Implementation update</b>			
1.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to:			
1.2.1.a The target population(s) of the demonstration	X		
1.2.1.b The clinical criteria (e.g., SUD diagnoses) that qualify a beneficiary for the demonstration	X		
1.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to assessment of need and qualification for SUD services.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>2. Access to Critical Levels of Care for OUD and other SUDs (Milestone 1)</b>			
<b>2.1 Metric trends</b>			
<p>2.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 1.</p>		<p>#6 Any SUD treatment</p> <p>#7 Early Intervention</p> <p>#8 Outpatient Services</p> <p>#10 Residential and Inpatient Services</p> <p>#11 Withdrawal Management</p> <p>#12 MAT</p>	<p>The District calculates the following changes that were less or more than 2% between DY5 Q2 (4/1/24-6/30/24) and DY5 Q3 (7/1/24-9/30/24):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a 5% increase in the number of beneficiaries receiving any SUD treatment and a 9% increase in the number receiving an outpatient service. We attribute this change to increases in billing among many of the providers that provide outpatient services.</li> <li>• There was a 31% increase in the number of beneficiaries receiving early intervention services. We attribute this change to small numbers and to a single provider delivering more of these services.</li> <li>• There was a 4% decrease in the number receiving residential and inpatient services and a 6% decrease in the number receiving withdrawal management services. We attribute this to one large provider that accounts for these metrics.</li> <li>• There was a 21% increase in the number of beneficiaries receiving MAT. We attribute the increase to several large providers who experienced delays in billing during the prior quarter. Providers experienced challenges with claims submission and payment. (Prior reports described new policies on NPI and EHR that may be contributing to these challenges.)</li> </ul>

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>2.2 Implementation update</b>			
2.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: 2.2.1.a Planned activities to improve access to SUD treatment services across the continuum of care for Medicaid beneficiaries (e.g., outpatient services, intensive outpatient services, medication-assisted treatment, services in intensive residential and inpatient settings, medically supervised withdrawal management)	X		
2.2.1.b SUD benefit coverage under the Medicaid state plan or the Expenditure Authority, particularly for residential treatment, medically supervised withdrawal management, and medication-assisted treatment services provided to individual IMDs	X		
2.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 1.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>3. Use of Evidence-based, SUD-specific Patient Placement Criteria (Milestone 2)</b>			
<b>3.1 Metric trends</b>			
3.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 2.	X		
<b>3.2 Implementation update</b>			
3.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: 3.2.1.a Planned activities to improve providers' use of evidence-based, SUD-specific placement criteria	X		
3.2.1.b Implementation of a utilization management approach to ensure (a) beneficiaries have access to SUD services at the appropriate level of care, (b) interventions are appropriate for the diagnosis and level of care, or (c) use of independent process for reviewing placement in residential treatment settings	X		
3.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 2.	X		



Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>4. Use of Nationally Recognized SUD-specific Program Standards to Set Provider Qualifications for Residential Treatment Facilities (Milestone 3)</b>			
<b>4.1 Metric trends</b>			
4.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 3.  Note: There are no CMS-provided metrics related to Milestone 3. If the state did not identify any metrics for reporting this milestone, the state should indicate it has no update to report.	X		
<b>4.2 Implementation update</b>			
4.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to:  4.2.1.a Implementation of residential treatment provider qualifications that meet the ASAM Criteria or other nationally recognized, SUD-specific program standards	X		
4.2.1.b Review process for residential treatment providers' compliance with qualifications.	X		
4.2.1.c Availability of medication-assisted treatment at residential treatment facilities, either on-site or through facilitated access to services off site	X		
4.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 3.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>5. Sufficient Provider Capacity at Critical Levels of Care including for Medication Assisted Treatment for OUD (Milestone 4)</b>			
<b>5.1 Metric trends</b>			
5.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 4.	X		
<b>5.2 Implementation update</b>			
5.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: Planned activities to assess the availability of providers enrolled in Medicaid and accepting new patients across the continuum of SUD care.	X		
5.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 4.	X		

Prompt		State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>6. Implementation of Comprehensive Treatment and Prevention Strategies to Address Opioid Abuse and OUD (Milestone 5)</b>				
<b>6.1 Metric trends</b>				
6.1.1	The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 5.	X		
<b>6.2 Implementation update</b>				
6.2.1	Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to:			
6.2.1.a	Implementation of opioid prescribing guidelines and other interventions related to prevention of OUD	X		
6.2.1.b	Expansion of coverage for and access to naloxone	X		
6.2.2	The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 5.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>7. Improved Care Coordination and Transitions between Levels of Care (Milestone 6)</b>			
<b>7.1 Metric trends</b>			
7.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 6.	X		
<b>7.2 Implementation update</b>			
7.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: Implementation of policies supporting beneficiaries' transition from residential and inpatient facilities to community-based services and supports.	X		
7.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 6.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
8.	SUD health information technology (health IT)		
8.1	Metric trends		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<p>8.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to its SUD health IT metrics.</p>		<p>Q1: Number of active DC HIE behavioral health provider users</p> <p>S1: Number of DC Medicaid-enrolled behavioral health care facilities/providers receiving data from the HIE</p> <p>Q2: Number of behavioral health providers managed in provider directory</p> <p>Q3: Number of DC HIE behavioral health users who performed a patient care snapshot or access the clinical information tab in the past 30 days</p>	<p>Q1: The number of active DC HIE behavioral health provider users increased by 5% as the vendor continues to ensure all users are correctly categorized after implementing new methodology.</p> <p>S1: The number of DC Medicaid-enrolled behavioral health care facilities/providers receiving data from the HIE increased by 6% corresponding to the increase described above.</p> <p>Q2: The number of behavioral health providers managed in the provider directory continues to increase (8% this quarter) as the vendor continues to collect more data.</p> <p>Q3: The 9% increase in this measure is due to additional communications and trainings by the DC HIE vendor to educate users about using the patient care snapshot and clinical information tab tools.</p>

Prompt		State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>8.2 Implementation update</b>				
8.2.1	Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to:			
8.2.1.a	How health IT is being used to slow down the rate of growth of individuals identified with SUD	X		
8.2.1.b	How health IT is being used to treat effectively individuals identified with SUD	X		
8.2.1.c	How health IT is being used to effectively monitor “recovery” supports and services for individuals identified with SUD	X		
8.2.1.d	Other aspects of the state’s plan to develop the health IT infrastructure/capabilities at the state, delivery system, health plan/MCO, and individual provider levels	X		
8.2.1.e	Other aspects of the state’s health IT implementation milestones	X		
8.2.1.f	The timeline for achieving health IT implementation milestones	X		
8.2.1.g	Planned activities to increase use and functionality of the state’s prescription drug monitoring program	X		
8.2.2	The state expects to make other program changes that may affect SUD metrics related to health IT.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>9. Other SUD-related metrics</b>			
<b>9.1 Metric trends</b>			
9.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to other SUD-related metrics.		#23 Emergency Department Utilization for SUD per 1,000 Medicaid Beneficiaries  #34: Appeals Related to SUD Treatment Services  #35: Critical Incidents Related to SUD Treatment Services	The District calculates the following changes that were less or more than 2% between DY5 Q2 (4/1/24-6/30/24) and DY5 Q3 (7/1/24-9/30/24): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was an 11% decrease in ED utilization for SUD per 1,000 Medicaid Beneficiaries. We attribute the decrease to both enrollment and utilization declines.</li> </ul> #34: The District attributes the 38% decrease in appeals related to SUD treatment services to natural variation.  #35: The 58% increase in critical incidents related to SUD treatment services could be due in part to full implementation and reporting at the new DC Stabilization Center. While the stabilization center provides critical services to DC residents, it is a new facility that will sometimes have critical incidents that are reported.
<b>9.2 Implementation update</b>			
9.2.1 The state expects to make the following program changes that may affect other SUD-related metrics.	X		



## B. SMI/SED component

Prompt		State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>1. Ensuring Quality of Care in Psychiatric Hospitals and Residential Settings (Milestone 1)</b>				
<b>1.1 Metric trends</b>				
1.1.1	The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 1.	X		
<b>1.2 Implementation update</b>				
1.2.1	Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to:			
1.2.1.a	The licensure or accreditation processes for participating hospitals and residential settings	X		
1.2.1.b	The oversight process (including unannounced visits) to ensure participating hospital and residential settings meet state's licensing or certification and accreditation requirements	X		
1.2.1.c	The utilization review process to ensure beneficiaries have access to the appropriate levels and types of care and to provide oversight on lengths of stay	X		
1.2.1.d	The program integrity requirements and compliance assurance process	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
1.2.1.e The state requirement that psychiatric hospitals and residential settings screen beneficiaries for co-morbid physical health conditions, SUDs, and suicidal ideation, and facilitate access to treatment for those conditions	X		
1.2.1.f Other state requirements/policies to ensure good quality of care in inpatient and residential treatment settings	X		
1.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 1.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>2. Improving Care Coordination and Transitions to Community-Based Care (Milestone 2)</b>			
<b>2.1 Metric trends</b>			
2.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 2.	X		
<b>2.2 Implementation update</b>			
2.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: 2.2.1.a Actions to ensure that psychiatric hospitals and residential treatment settings carry out intensive pre-discharge planning, and include community-based providers in care transitions	X		
2.2.1.b Actions to ensure psychiatric hospitals and residential settings assess beneficiaries' housing situations and coordinate with housing services providers	X		
2.2.1.c State requirement to ensure psychiatric hospitals and residential settings contact beneficiaries and community-based providers within 72 hours post discharge	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
2.2.1.d Strategies to prevent or decrease the lengths of stay in EDs among beneficiaries with SMI or SED (e.g., through the use of peers and psychiatric consultants in EDs to help with discharge and referral to treatment providers)	X		
2.2.1.e Other state requirements/policies to improve care coordination and connections to community-based care)	X		
2.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 2.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>3. Access to Continuum of Care, Including Crisis Stabilization (Milestone 3)</b>			
<b>3.1 Metric trends</b>			
3.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 3.		#14 Mental Health Services Utilization - Intensive Outpatient and Partial Hospitalization  #15 Mental Health Services Utilization - Outpatient  #16 Mental Health Services Utilization - ED  #17 Mental Health Services Utilization – Telehealth	The District calculates the following changes that were less or more than 2% between DY5 Q2 (4/1/24-6/30/24) and DY5 Q3 (7/1/24-9/30/24): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was an 11% increase in the number of beneficiaries receiving intensive outpatient and partial hospitalization services. We attribute the increase to additional utilization at multiple large providers.</li> <li>• There was a 4% increase in the number of beneficiaries receiving outpatient services. We attribute the increase to additional utilization at multiple large providers.</li> <li>• There was a 4% decrease in the number of beneficiaries receiving ED services. We attribute this decline to small numbers (there was a decline of 3 ED visits).</li> <li>• There was an 8% decrease in the number of beneficiaries receiving telehealth services. We attribute this decline to the continuation of substituting telehealth for in-person outpatient care after the public health emergency.</li> </ul>
<b>3.2 Implementation update</b>			

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
3.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: 3.2.1.a State requirement that providers use an evidenced-based, publicly available patient assessment tool to determine appropriate level of care and length of stay	X		
3.2.1.b Other state requirements/policies to improve access to a full continuum of care including crisis stabilization	X		
3.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 3.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>4. Earlier Identification and Engagement in Treatment, Including Through Increased Integration (Milestone 4)</b>			
<b>4.1 Metric trends</b>			
4.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 4.	X		
<b>4.2 Implementation update</b>			
4.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: 4.2.1.a Strategies for identifying and engaging beneficiaries in treatment sooner (e.g., with supported education and employment)	X		
4.2.1.b Plan for increasing integration of behavioral health care in non-specialty settings to improve early identification of SED/SMI and linkages to treatment	X		
4.2.1.c Establishment of specialized settings and services, including crisis stabilization services, focused on the needs of young people experiencing SMI or SED	X		
4.2.1.d Other state strategies to increase earlier identification/engagement, integration, and specialized programs for young people	X		
4.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 4.	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
5.	SMI/SED health information technology (health IT)		
5.1	Metric trends		



Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<p>5.1.1 The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to its SMI/SED health IT metrics.</p>		<p>Q1: Number of active DC HIE behavioral health provider users</p> <p>S1: Number of DC Medicaid-enrolled behavioral health care facilities/providers receiving data from the HIE</p> <p>Q2: Number of behavioral health providers managed in provider directory</p> <p>Q3: Number of DC HIE behavioral health users who performed a patient care snapshot or access the clinical information tab in the past 30 days</p>	<p>Q1: The number of active DC HIE behavioral health provider users increased by 5% as the vendor continues to ensure all users are correctly categorized after implementing new methodology.</p> <p>S1: The number of DC Medicaid-enrolled behavioral health care facilities/providers receiving data from the HIE increased by 6% corresponding to the increase described above.</p> <p>Q2: The number of behavioral health providers managed in the provider directory continues to increase (8% this quarter) as the vendor continues to collect more data.</p> <p>Q3: The 9% increase in this measure is due to additional communications and trainings by the DC HIE vendor to educate users about using the patient care snapshot and clinical information tab tools.</p>

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>5.2 Implementation update</b>			
5.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: 5.2.1.a The three statements of assurance made in the state's health IT plan	X		
5.2.1.b Closed loop referrals and e-referrals from physician/mental health provider to physician/mental health provider and/or physician/mental health provider to community-based supports	X		
5.2.1.c Electronic care plans and medical records	X		
5.2.1.d Individual consent being electronically captured and made accessible to patients and all members of the care team	X		
5.2.1.e Intake, assessment and screening tools being part of a structured data capture process so that this information is interoperable with the rest of the health IT ecosystem	X		
5.2.1.f Telehealth technologies supporting collaborative care by facilitating broader availability of integrated mental health care and primary care	X		
5.2.1.g Alerting/analytics	X		
5.2.1.h Identity management	X		

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
5.2.2 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect SMI/SED metrics related to health IT.	X		

Prompt		State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<b>6. Other SMI/SED-related metrics</b>				
<b>6.1 Metric trends</b>				
6.1.1	The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to other SMI/SED-related metrics.		#36: Grievances Related to Services for SMI/SED  #37: Appeals Related to Services for SMI/SED  #38: Critical Incidents Related to Services for SMI/SED	#36: The District attributes the 83% decrease in grievances related to services for SMI/SED to natural variation.  #37: The District attributes the 38% decrease in appeals related to services for SMI/SED to natural variation.  #38: The District attributes the 30% decrease in critical incidents related to services for SMI/SED to natural variation.
<b>6.2 Implementation update</b>				
6.2.1	The state expects to make the following program changes that may affect other SMI/SED-related metrics.	X		
<b>7. Annual Assessment of Availability of Mental Health Services (Annual Availability Assessment)</b>				
<b>7.1 Description of changes to baseline conditions and practices</b>				

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<p>7.1.1 Describe and explain any changes in the mental health service needs of Medicaid beneficiaries with SMI/SED compared to those described in the Initial Assessment of the Availability of Mental Health Services (for example, prevalence and distribution of SMI/SED). Recommended word count is 500 words or less.</p>			<p>Between last year’s assessment of availability of mental health services (2023 data) and the current assessment of the availability of mental health services (2024 data) enrollment declined due to the restart of Medicaid renewals, or the “unwinding”. During this time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Medicaid enrollment declined (-6%) and the number with an SMI/SED increased (4%), which led to an increase in the percent of total Medicaid beneficiaries with SMI/SED (10%).</li> <li>• Medicaid beneficiaries age 21+ declined (-7%) and the number with an SMI/SED increased (4%), which led to an increase in the percent of beneficiaries with SMI/SED (11%).</li> <li>• Medicaid beneficiaries age 0-17 declined (-5%) and the number with an SMI/SED increased (2%), which led to an increase in the percent of beneficiaries with SMI/SED (8%).</li> </ul>

Prompt	State has no trends/update to report (place an X)	Related metric(s) (if any)	State response
<p>7.1.2 Describe and explain any changes to the organization of the state’s Medicaid behavioral health service delivery system compared to those described in the Initial Assessment of the Availability of Mental Health Services. Recommended word count is 500 words or less.</p>			<p>Since the initial assessment, the District has begun reimbursing for behavioral health services provided to individuals with SMI/SED or SUD by psychologists and other licensed behavioral health providers practicing independently (in either a separate practice or hospital setting). The District also issued rulemaking and implemented new crisis stabilization reimbursement methodologies to increase the availability of non-hospital, non-residential crisis stabilization services. In 2022, the District transitioned authority for new non-IMD behavioral health services from the 1115 demonstration to state plan authority. There have been no major changes to the organization of the District’s Medicaid behavioral health service delivery system since this time.</p>

<p>7.1.3 Describe and explain any changes in the availability of mental health services for Medicaid beneficiaries with SMI/SED in the state compared to those described in the Initial Assessment of the Availability of Mental Health Services. At minimum, explain any changes across the state in the availability of the following services: inpatient mental health services; outpatient and community-based services; crisis behavioral health services; and care coordination and care transition planning. Recommended word count is 500 words or less.</p>			<p>Changes in availability between the two assessments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Number of Medicaid-Enrolled Psychiatrists and Other Practitioners Who Are Authorized to Prescribe Psychiatric Medications increased from 441 to 510 (16% increase).</li> <li>• The Number of Medicaid-Enrolled Psychiatrists and Other Practitioners Who Are Authorized to Prescribe Psychiatric Medications and are accepting new patients increased from 415 to 489 (18% increase).</li> <li>• The Number of Medicaid-enrolled psychologists and other licensed BH providers practicing independently increased from 111 to 136 (23% increase).</li> <li>• The number of licensed psychiatric hospital beds increased from 613 to 635 (4%).</li> <li>• Many figures remained constant, for example, the number of crisis providers of varying types, the number of psychiatric hospitals at 2 and the number Medicaid-enrolled psychiatric units in acute care hospitals 7.</li> <li>• Provider counts have remained stable or increased. There were generally small changes (either up or down) in the ratio of Medicaid beneficiaries with SMI/SED to providers depending on the scale of the increase in provider counts. The count of Medicaid beneficiaries with a SMI/SED increased during 2024, even as the enrollment declined due to the restarting of Medicaid renewals.</li> </ul>
<p>7.1.4 Describe and explain any changes in gaps the state identified in the availability of mental health</p>			<p>Identified gaps have been addressed ongoing in part via policy changes noted above. As also noted above, in</p>

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services or service capacity while completing the Annual Availability Assessment compared to those described in the Initial Assessment of the Availability of Mental Health Services. Recommended word count is 500 words or less.			particular, the District has continued to see an increase in the number of independent licensed BH practitioners.
7.1.5 Describe and explain whether any changes in the availability of mental health services have impacted the state’s maintenance of effort (MOE) on funding outpatient community-based mental health services. Recommended word count is 500 words or less.			Changes in the availability of mental health services have not impacted the District’s maintenance of effort. Other changes that affected the maintenance of effort are described in Section 8 below.
<b>7.2 Implementation update</b>			
7.2.1 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: 7.2.1.a The state’s strategy to conduct annual assessments of the availability of mental health services across the state and updates on steps taken to increase availability	X		
7.2.1.b Strategies to improve state tracking of availability of inpatient and crisis stabilization beds	X		



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<b>8. Maintenance of effort (MOE) on funding outpatient community-based mental health services</b>				
<b>8.1 MOE dollar amount</b>				
8.1.1	Provide as a dollar amount the level of state appropriations and local funding for outpatient community-based mental health services for the most recently completed state fiscal year.			The District expended \$72,063,057.97 in local funding for outpatient community-based mental health services in FY24, compared to \$30,343,484.26 in FY19.
<b>8.2 Narrative information</b>				
8.2.1	Describe and explain any reductions in the MOE dollar amount below the amount provided in the state's application materials. The state should confirm that it did not move resources to increase access to treatment in inpatient or residential settings at the expense of community-based services.			The significant increase in local expenditure is primarily driven by increased spending in Mental Health Rehabilitation Services (MHRS). Specifically, expenditures for community support services, the most utilized service within MHRS, have grown by over 182% since FY19.

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<b>9. SMI/SED financing plan</b>				
<b>9.1 Implementation update</b>				
9.1.1	Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to:			
9.1.1.a	Increase availability of non-hospital, non-residential crisis stabilization services, including services made available through crisis call centers, mobile crisis units, and observation/assessment centers, with a coordinated community crisis response that involves law enforcement and other first responders	X		
9.1.1.b	Increase availability of on-going community-based services, e.g., outpatient, community mental health centers, partial hospitalization/day treatment, assertive community treatment, and services in integrated care settings such as the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic model	X		

#### 4. Narrative information on other reporting topics applicable to both SUD and SMI/SED components

Prompts	State has no update to report (place an X)	State response
<b>10. Budget neutrality</b>		
<b>10.1 Current status and analysis</b>		
10.1.1 Describe the current status of budget neutrality and an analysis of the budget neutrality to date. If the SUD and SMI/SED components are part of a broader demonstration, the state should provide an analysis of the SUD- and SMI/SED-related budget neutrality and an analysis of budget neutrality as a whole.		In DY5Q4 the District is budget neutral in all MEGs.
<b>10.2 Implementation update</b>		
10.2.1 The state expects to make other program changes that may affect budget neutrality.	X	

Prompts	State has no update to report (place an X)	State response
<b>11. SUD- and SMI/SED-related demonstration operations and policy</b>		
<b>11.1 Considerations</b>		
11.1.1 The state should highlight significant SUD and SMI/SED (or if broader demonstration, then SUD- and SMI/SED-related) demonstration components' operations or policy considerations that could positively or negatively affect beneficiary enrollment, access to services, timely provision of services, budget neutrality, or any other provision that has potential for beneficiary impacts. Also note any activity that may accelerate or create delays or impediments in achieving the SUD and SMI/SED demonstration components approved goals or objectives, if not already reported elsewhere in this document. See Monitoring Report Instructions for more detail.	X	
<b>11.2 Implementation update</b>		
11.2.1 The state experienced challenges in partnering with entities contracted to help implement the demonstration (e.g., health plans, credentialing vendors, private sector providers) and/or noted any performance issues with contracted entities.	X	
11.2.2 The state is working on other initiatives related to SUD, OUD and/or SMI/SED.		In September 2024, the District received a fourth State Opioid Response (SOR) grant.

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11.2.3 The initiatives described above are related to the SUD and/or SMI/SED demonstration components. (The state should note similarities and differences from the SUD and SMI/SED demonstration components).		<p>The SOR 4 grant complements the 1115 SUD demonstration. The funding allows the District to continue to support behavioral health transformation in several ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase entry points into the system of care (e.g., stabilization center)</li> <li>• Improve the coordination of care for individuals as they move through the system by expanding care management initiatives in the community and at the DC Jail</li> <li>• Provide training, technical assistance, coaching, and consultation to SUD providers/health care professionals to increase their ability to address an individual's whole-person needs</li> <li>• Implement a coordinated approach at the community level by facilitating key stakeholders in each Ward to work collaboratively around harm reduction, prevention, community outreach and education initiatives, and sustainability planning</li> </ul>
11.2.4 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to:		
11.2.4.a How the delivery system operates under the demonstration (e.g., through the managed care system or fee for service)	X	
11.2.4.b Delivery models affecting demonstration participants (e.g., Accountable Care Organizations, Patient Centered Medical Homes)	X	
11.2.4.c Partners involved in service delivery	X	
11.2.4.d <b>SMI/SED-specific:</b> The state Medicaid agency's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or other agreement with its mental health services agency	X	

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<b>12. SUD and SMI/SED demonstration evaluation update</b>		
<b>12.1 Narrative information</b>		
12.1.1 Provide updates on SUD and SMI/SED evaluation work and timeline. The appropriate content will depend on when this monitoring report is due to CMS and the timing for the demonstration. There are specific requirements per 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 431.428a(10) for annual reports. See Monitoring Report Instructions for more details.		In accordance with the District’s approved evaluation design: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AIR analyzed data collected from interviews, surveys, and focus groups.</li> <li>• AIR worked on the quantitative and qualitative results for the summative evaluation report.</li> <li>• AIR finished the draft summative evaluation report and submitted it to DHCF.</li> </ul>
12.1.2 Provide status updates on deliverables related to the demonstration evaluation and indicate whether the expected timelines are being met and/or if there are any real or anticipated barriers in achieving the goals and timeframes agreed to in the STCs.	X	
12.1.3 List anticipated evaluation-related deliverables related to this demonstration and their due dates.		The Draft Summative Evaluation Report will be submitted to CMS by December 30, 2025.

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<b>13. Other demonstration reporting</b>		
<b>13.1 General reporting requirements</b>		
13.1.1 The state reports changes in its implementation of the demonstration that might necessitate a change to approved STCs, implementation plan, or monitoring protocol.	X	
13.1.2 The state anticipates the need to make future changes to the STCs, implementation plan, or monitoring protocol, based on expected or upcoming implementation changes.	X	
13.1.3 Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: 13.1.3.a The schedule for completing and submitting monitoring reports	X	
13.1.3.b The content or completeness of submitted monitoring reports and/or future monitoring reports	X	
13.1.4 The state identified current or anticipated issues submitting timely post-approval demonstration deliverables, including a plan for remediation.	X	
13.1.5 Provide updates on the results of beneficiary satisfaction surveys, if conducted during the reporting year, including updates on grievances and appeals from beneficiaries, per 42 CFR § 431.428(a)5.		Results from beneficiary satisfaction surveys will be included in the draft summative evaluation report that the District will submit to CMS by December 30, 2025. Updates on grievances and appeals from beneficiaries are reported in the appropriate sections of this report and other quarterly reports from this demonstration year.

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<b>13.2 Post-award public forum</b>		
13.2.2 If applicable within the timing of the demonstration, provide a summary of the annual post-award public forum held pursuant to 42 CFR § 431.420(c) indicating any resulting action items or issues. A summary of the post-award public forum must be included here for the period during which the forum was held and in the annual monitoring report.		The District held the annual post-award forum on December 18, 2024 as part of the December Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting. About 55 attendees participated in the meeting. Participants noted the progress on Medicaid mental health and SUD services, related funding and technical assistance that were critical for behavioral health EHR uptake and HIE connection, and appreciated the launch of a new learning collaborative to prepare providers to implement new Medicaid services proposed in the District’s demonstration extension application.



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<b>14. Notable state achievements and/or innovations</b>		
<b>14.1 Narrative information</b>		
14.1.1 Provide any relevant summary of achievements and/or innovations in demonstration enrollment, benefits, operations, and policies pursuant to the hypotheses of the SUD and SMI/SED (or if broader demonstration, then SUD- or SMI/SED-related) demonstration components or that served to provide better care for individuals, better health for populations, and/or reduce per capita cost. Achievements should focus on significant impacts to beneficiary outcomes. Whenever possible, the summary should describe the achievement or innovation in quantifiable terms (e.g., number of impacted beneficiaries).	X	

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