Quarterly Monitoring Report & Quarterly Budget Neutrality Report

DY4Q2

The unwinding of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) impacted the provisions in the Continuity of Care 1115 Waiver. This quarter's monitoring and budget neutrality report describes the impact on metric results.

Extending Postpartum Coverage to 12 Months:

- *The state transitioned the 12-month postpartum extension from 1115 waiver to SPA authority effective 7/1/22.*

Managed Care Reinstatement when a Medicaid Beneficiary Submits Late Paperwork within 90 Days:

- *Narrative*: Within the waiver application, HFS proposed reporting on the number of reinstatements into MCOs and MCO enrollees meeting the HEDIS 12-month continuous enrollment standard. This is the third quarter under the demonstration that the state is reporting metrics on the PHE Maintenance of Effort (MOE), continuous eligibility requirement, and the PHE unwinding.

  In Illinois, the Medicaid continuous enrollment condition ended March 31, 2023. Redeterminations began on April 1, 2023, and the first redetermination cohort was mailed redetermination letters on May 1, 2023. In June 2023, HFS implemented the redetermination 30-day grace period, a PHE unwinding flexibility.

  As a result, individuals who would have lost coverage at the end of December for not returning redetermination paperwork had their coverage extended until the end of January 2024, with cancellation effective February 1. Their 90-day reconsideration period spanned April, May, and June 2024. For the December- cohort, the 61-90-day reconsideration period was in April; for the January cohort, it was in May; and for the February cohort, it was in June.

1115 Waiver Application Metric: To estimate the potential impact of the 90-day reinstatement period into the same MCO, the state will calculate the average number of monthly reinstatements between 61 and 90 days after cancellation in months before the PHE.

Month	Reinstatements into MCOs with Late Redetermination Paperwork Submitted Between 61-90 Days
April	1,522
May	998
June	1,677

- ❖ December cohort extended to January- reinstatement days 61-90 were in April
- ❖ January cohort extended to February -reinstatement days 61-90 were in May
- ❖ February cohort extended to March- reinstatement days were in June

1115 Waiver Application Metric: MCO enrollees meeting HEDIS 12-month continuous enrollment standard.

- The state is not reporting on the HEDIS metric impact, which contemplated retroactive enrollment into MCOs when reinstated. Prior to implementing this metric, the state determined to implement the reinstatement prospectively, which does not impact the HEDIS 12-month continuous enrollment requirement. CMS was notified of this change before implementation, and HFS and CMS confirmed that this approach is allowable under the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of this waiver.
- *Budget Neutrality:* N/A

Waiver of Hospital Presumptive Eligibility (HPE):

- *Narrative:* Within the waiver application, HFS proposed to report on Medicaid approval and denial rates, as well as application processing backlog and turnaround time. However, the COVID-19 PHE unwinding has significantly impacted application processing at HFS. For example, the increase in processing redeterminations and the normal flow of new applications have resulted in an application processing backlog. New HPE applications would have further increased the already substantial backlog. Therefore, waiving HPE requirements has benefited the state by keeping the application backlog from worsening.

  Additionally, waiving HPE has allowed the state to focus on processing full benefit applications, which has prevented the duplication of application processes, reduced administrative burden, and improved the timeliness and appropriateness of Medicaid eligibility determinations and denials. By waiving HPE, the state has been able to reduce eligibility backlogs, thus allowing Medicaid applicants to gain access to health coverage sooner.

Medicaid Approval and Denial Rates:

	Medicaid Approvals	Medicaid Denials
24-Apr	40,670	56,073
24-May	36,975	50,823
24-Jun	30,699	41,359
Total	108,344	148,255
Total Application received	256,599	256,599
Rate	42%	58%

Application Backlog and Turnaround Time:

Application Processing by Month	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24
Apps On Hand (end of month)	**109,387**	**101,264**	**99,838**
0-7 days	8,785	7,819	9,099
8-20 days	11,440	12,059	11,331
21-30 days	7,592	6,444	7,035
31-45 days	7,715	9,200	8,584
46-90 days	19,156	17,668	18,625
91-180 days	40,145	31,297	22,459
181+ days	14,554	16,777	22,705

Budget Neutrality: N/A