

1115 Waiver Amendment: Substance Use Disorder Care Initiative Department of Health and Human Services State of Maine

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A. General Description

Summary of Proposed Changes

The Office of MaineCare Services (OMS) within the Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is the single state agency that administers Maine's Medicaid program, known as MaineCare. The Maine Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Care Initiative Section 1115(a) Demonstration was approved on December 22, 2020, with effective dates from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025. Maine's SUD Implementation Plan was approved by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on July 26, 2021. Maine's SUD Monitoring Protocol was approved by CMS on March 30, 2022.

In March 2024, the Mid-Point Assessment examined the progress of planned enhancements expected as part of the CMS approved Implementation Plan, as well as the State's performance per CMS-defined metrics, as outlined in its SUD Monitoring Protocol. Implementation Plan and Monitoring Protocol metrics were examined for the first two and one-half years of the Demonstration (January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2023), with the findings that the State has completed the expected activities and is making progress in all areas of the SUD Implementation Plan. The assessment determined the State is at "low risk" for all six CMS-defined 1115 waiver milestones and the SUD Health Information Technology Plan

There were no MaineCare-enrolled IMD providers in Year 1, and the State began reporting program expenditures under the Demonstration beginning in Year 2, with the first of the three pilot projects authorized under the Demonstration being implemented in Demonstration Year 3. Actual MaineCare expenditures on behalf of IMD beneficiaries exceeded the budget neutrality limits in both years, and the State was assigned "medium risk" for budget neutrality.

To address the budget neutrality overages Maine has experienced the State is requesting a one-time adjustment to the budget neutrality of the current Demonstration. When originally developing budget neutrality calculations of the Expansion Adult population the State did not have historical data to base the projection on as coverage for the Expansion Adults population began July 2018. Annual utilization for this population is much higher than in calendar Year 2019 as a result of steadily increasing enrollment for this population. Additionally, the State is requesting adjustment to Pilot 1 budget neutrality calculations. The initial Per Member Per Month estimate for this pilot was based on Calendar Year 2021 actuals. While expenditures were below limits in Years 1-3, subsequent rate increases are more costly than anticipated utilization.

Goals and Objectives

The State is not proposing any changes to the services within the demonstration and as such, there are no proposed changes to the goals and objectives of the current approved waiver. It is expected that additional SUD residential treatment facilities will provide or expand their current services to the extent that they will qualify as an IMD (e.g., residential treatment facilities may expand capacity to above sixteen beds),¹ when allowable under state law and in accordance with any State requirements. Reimbursement for these services will continue to fill a gap and improve coordination with MaineCare's existing array of community-based services available to individuals otherwise eligible for MaineCare and will provide access to evidence-based services at different levels of intensity across a continuum of care, based on individual needs and goals.

B. Expenditure Authorities.

¹ This demonstration opportunity does not extend to coverage of room and board payments, nursing facilities that qualify as IMDs, services provided in settings that do not qualify for the Inpatient Psychiatric Services for Individuals Under Age 21 benefit, or services provided in settings where beneficiaries are residing involuntarily in the facility by operation of criminal law.

The State is not proposing any changes to current approved expenditure authority under Section 1115 to claim as medical assistance the costs of services provided to eligible individuals ages 21-64 residing in facilities meeting the regulatory definition of an IMD or current approved additional expenditure authorities needed to operate the four pilot programs. The State does not propose any changes to the MaineCare health care delivery system. All MaineCare members will continue to receive services through their current delivery system in the same manner under the state's current state plan.

C. Waiver Authorities

The state proposes to continue the current approved authorities with no modifications. All requirements of the MaineCare program expressed in law, regulation, and policy statement not expressly identified as not applicable to these expenditure authorities shall apply to the remaining period of this demonstration.

1. StatewidenessSection 1902(a)(1)To the extent necessary to permit any limited-service benefit described in the demonstration.for Pilot 2 and Pilot 3.

2. Comparability Section 1902(a)(10)(B) To the extent necessary to limit certain benefits as set forth in the demonstration for Pilot 2 and Pilot 3.

3. Freedom of Choice Section 1902(a)(23)(A) To the extent necessary to limit certain benefits as set forth in the demonstration for Pilot 2 and Pilot 3.

D. Eligibility

The State is not proposing any changes to MaineCare eligibility requirements in the population currently being served under the demonstration. All affected groups derive their eligibility through the Medicaid state plan, except Pilot 1, and are subject to all applicable Medicaid laws and regulations in accordance with the Medicaid state plan. All Medicaid eligibility standards and methodologies for these eligibility groups remain applicable.

a. Pilot 1 Extended MaineCare Coverage. Members eligible for this pilot are MaineCare eligible parents who would otherwise lose eligibility due to the change in household size when their child is removed from the home pursuant to state law.

Eligibility will continue until the parent is either:

- i. No longer participating in the rehabilitation and reunification plan as required by the plan; or
- ii. Until parental rights have been terminated, whichever event happens first.

The parent's eligibility will be periodically renewed consistent with 42 CFR 435.916. If the parent is no longer eligible for reasons other than the change in household composition (e.g., an income increase that would lead to loss of MaineCare eligibility if the household had remained intact, MaineCare coverage would end), the state will redetermine eligibility on other bases prior to termination consistent with 42 CFR 435.916(f), and if ineligible on all bases, will send advance notice and terminate coverage consistent with 42 C.F.R. §431.206 through §431.214, 42 C.F.R. §435.917.

b. Pilot 2 Parenting Support Services. Members eligible for this pilot are MaineCare-enrolled parents, with a SUD who are involved with or at- risk of involvement with Child Protective Services (CPS) and services have been recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts.

c. Pilot 3 Home-Based Skill Development Services. Members eligible for this pilot are MaineCareenrolled parents, with a SUD who are involved with or at- risk of involvement with CPS and services have been recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts.

E. Benefits and Cost Sharing

Cost sharing under this demonstration is consistent with the provisions of the approved State Plan with no new cost-sharing provisions for added services.

F. Delivery System

The State is not proposing any changes to the current five-year waiver approval period for this demonstration. The IMD Exclusion portion of this waiver and the eligibility expansion would continue to operate statewide while the three other service pilots may be operated on a less than statewide basis based on assessment of service delivery capacity and other approaches that limit service availability (e.g. phased-in approaches, RFP geographic limitations). Services for the demonstration are provided using the same mechanism as other MaineCare members, including services that require prior authorization and are ordered and prescribed by a physician. Participants will be permitted to choose among participating providers (agencies).

G. Budget Allotment and Neutrality

There were no expenditures for the first year of the Demonstration; SUD related IMD treatment providers did not initiate MaineCare enrollment until early in 2022 (Demonstration Year 2) and the first of the four pilot projects authorized under the Demonstration was implemented in Demonstration Year Three.

IMD Beneficiaries

The Demonstration showed a deficit in actual expenditures for IMD beneficiaries of \$336,425 in Demonstration Year 2 and \$363,055 in Demonstration Year 3 when measured against the hypothetical limits. Cumulatively, actual expenditures exceeded the limit by \$699,480. A summary of actual expenditures and waiver limits for IMD beneficiaries is provided below.

IMD Beneficiaries	DY1	DY2	DY3
With Waiver (Actual)			
Non-Expansion Adults and Children	-	\$396,820	\$910,553
Expansion Adults	-	\$1,256,069	\$5,454,368
Total Expenditures (Actual)	-	\$1,652,889	\$6,364,921
Without Waiver Limit	-	\$1,316,464	\$6,001,866
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-	(\$336,425)	(\$363,055)

To address the budget neutrality overages Maine has experienced, the State reviewed the initial IMD historical data based on Calendar Year 2019 which was trended forward and used as the State's Without Waiver Per Member Per Month (WOW PMPM) for Non-Expansion Adults and Children and Expansion Adults and compared these to more recent Demonstration Years 2 and 3 actuals.

For background, coverage for the Expansion Adults population began early in July 2018. Because of both the ramp-up and the steadily increasing enrollment for this population, current annual utilization for this population is much higher than in Calendar Year 2019.

As a result, the State believes that the WOW PMPM for this population may need to be adjusted. Maine is requesting the following amendments to the WOW PMPMs for the Expansion Adults:

Expansion Adults Without Waiver Per Member Per Month					
Comparison	DY1	DY2	DY3	DY4	DY5
Current	\$4,765	\$5,032	\$5,313	\$5,611	\$5,925
Actual (Annual)	N/A	\$6,312	\$6,389		
Proposed	N/A	\$6,312	\$6,665	\$7,038	\$7,432

Notes:

- 1. Assumes Annual Increase of 5.60%.
- 2. Actuals are based on the 3/31/2024 Scheduled C and Annual Member Months for DY1 and DY2.
- 3. The Proposed WOW PMPMs for Expansion Adults use the 5.6% Annual increase and DY2 Actual as the base.

Pilot for Parents with Extended MaineCare:

The Demonstration showed a surplus in expenditure authority for the four pilot projects in Years 1-3. The first of three pilots was implemented in Demonstration Year 3, and actual expenditures were below the annual limit. A summary of actual expenditures and waiver limits for the pilot projects is provided below.

Pilot Projects	DY1	DY2	DY3
With Waiver (Actual)			
Parents with Extended MaineCare	N/A	N/A	\$936,571
Parents Receiving Home Based Skills Development Services	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parents Receiving Attachment Biobehavioral Catch-up (ABC)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parents Receiving Visit Coaching	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Expenditures (Actual)	N/A	N/A	\$936,571

Without Waiver Limit	N/A	N/A	\$978,912
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-	-	\$42,342

The initial Per Member Per Month estimate for this project was based on Calendar Year 2021 actuals. While expenditures were below limits in Years 1-3, subsequent rate increases are more costly than anticipated utilization requires an amendment to these WOW PMPMs. The requested amendment to the WOW PMPMs follows:

Pilot for Parents With Extended MaineCare:					
Comparison	DY1	DY2	DY3	DY4	DY5
Current	N/A	\$881	\$927	\$975	\$1,026
Actual (Annual)	N/A	N/A	\$901	\$1,074	
Proposed	N/A	N/A	\$927	\$1,159	\$1,219

Notes:

- 1. Assumes Annual Increase of 5.20%.
- 2. Actuals are based on the 3/31/2024 Scheduled C and Annual Member Months for DY3 and the first six months of DY4
- 3. In the proposed PMPMs the State is requesting a one-time increase in DY4 of 25%, then returning to the 5.20% in DY5.

H. Evaluation

As the State is not proposing any changes to services or approved activities, there are not requested changes to the currently approved evaluation. The evaluation design and annual progress reports do not require any modification nor does the oversight, monitoring and measurement of the provisions of the currently approved 1115 SUD Demonstration waiver. Further evaluations will be conducted with the updated budget neutrality once approved

I. Compliance with Tribal Consultation and Public Noticing

The state conducted public notice in accordance with 59 Fed. Reg. 49249 (September 27, 1994). The public had an opportunity to comment on the demonstration extension through the public notice and comment process which ran from December 5, 2024, through December 15, 2024. No comments were received. A link to the full public notice is available in Attachment 1 - Public Notice. All notices provided the option for individuals to submit written feedback to the state by email or US postal service mail.

On November 7 2024, notice was issued to tribal chairs and health directors for federally recognized tribes within the state during the State's monthly MaineCare and Tribal Health Directors meeting with a written notice sent out on November 18, 2024. Please in Attachment 2 – Tribal Notice for the full list of entities consulted. The state did not receive any comments or requests for consultation meetings in response to the tribal notice.

The most recent post-award forum, as required under the Special Terms and Conditions and 42 CFR § 431.420, was held on May 28, 2024, to allow the public an opportunity to comment on the progress of the demonstration. No comments were received.

J. Demonstration Administration

Sara Gagné-Holmes Commissioner Maine Department of Health and Human Services (207) 287-4223 <u>sara.gagne-holmes@maine.gov</u>

Attachment 1 Public Notice

A copy of the Public Notice is available <u>here</u>

Attachment 2 Tribal Notice

Janet T. Mills Governor

Sara Gagné-Holmes Commissioner



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November 18, 2024

Chief Clarissa Sabattis 88 Bell Road Littleton, ME 04730

Re: Notice of 1115 Waiver Application Substance Use Disorder Care Initiative Amendment

Dear Chief Sabattis:

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Chief William Nicholas P.O. Box 301 Princeton, ME 04668

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Chief Rena Newell P.O. Box 343 Perry, ME 04667

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Dear Chief Newell:

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Ms. Michelle Barrows 12 Clover Circle Houlton, ME 04730

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Vice Chief Joseph Socobasin P.O. Box 301 Princeton, ME 04668

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Ambassador Maulian Dana 12 Wabanaki Way Indian Island, ME 04468

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Ms. Leona Alvarado 88 Bell Road Littleton, ME 04730

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Ms. Rebecca Petrie P.O. Box 1356 Bangor, ME 04401

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