

Nevada Whole Mouth Whole Body Connection for Adults with Diabetes (Project Number: 11-W-00428/9)

Section 1115 Quarterly Monitoring Report

Demonstration Year: 1: (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025)

Demonstration Quarter: (October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024)

Introduction

Federal law requires state Medicaid programs to provide dental benefits to children covered by Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but states can choose whether to provide dental benefits for adults. In Nevada, the state covers a comprehensive dental benefit in its Medicaid program for children, pregnant women, and those residing on the HCBS ID waiver. Nevada also covers emergency extractions, palliative care, and prosthetics for non-pregnant adults with limitations.

Nevada Assembly Bill 223 (2019) required the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to seek an 1115 demonstration waiver to pilot the expansion of dental services for Medicaid-enrolled non-pregnant adults who have diabetes (i.e., type 1 or 2 diabetes). The goal of this waiver is to test the impact of improved access to dental benefits on the health outcomes for ***the adult diabetic population who are enrolled in the state's Medicaid program***. The state is proposing that this initiative will be budget neutral to the federal government, as required by federal regulation, by utilizing the hypothetical methodology for determining budget neutrality.

Key Accomplishments of this Quarter

The accomplishments of this quarter include finalizing and submitting the Draft Evaluation Design that was submitted to CMS on December 6, 2024. Also, the first quarterly report and updated budget neutrality workbook was submitted to CMS. Department of Healthcare Financing and Policy (DHCFP) continued to engage with community stakeholders such as the local tribal community and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC's) on implementation of the new waiver.

Operational Update

Currently, DHCFP and its fiscal agent continue to work on implementation of the billing system as well as A1c reporting and claims data collection with an anticipated go live date of July 1, 2025. Bi-weekly meetings are utilized to discuss 1115 waiver implementation timelines and deliverables including reviews of member notification letters etc. Bi-weekly meetings with CMS have resumed starting on January 28th.

Budget Neutrality

The Quarterly Budget Neutrality Report for Demonstration Year 1, quarter 2 will be uploaded in the PMDA system by the due date.

Post Award Public Forum

Not applicable for this reporting quarter as this waiver has not been fully implemented

Timeline of Upcoming Activities/ Deliverables

- May 2025: Submit quarterly and budget neutrality report
- July 2025: Implementation of waiver services and claims submissions
- September 2025: Annual Deliverables due
- November 2025 (estimated): Post-Award Public Forum

Demonstration Website

<https://dhcfp.nv.gov/Pgms/Waivers/1115OHDiabetes/>