

Keystones of Health Monitoring Report

DY1 (2025): Q1

This document presents the monitoring report for Demonstration Year One (DY1), Quarter One (Q1) of the Bridges to Success: Keystones of Health for Pennsylvania (Keystones of Health) demonstration. CMS has advised the Commonwealth that instructions will be forthcoming on monitoring metrics and a template will be provided for state reporting. In lieu of these forthcoming monitoring metrics and reporting template, the Commonwealth was asked by CMS to provide a high-level narrative update on implementation plans and progress. At this early stage in the demonstration, no services have been launched. This report focuses on the foundational elements and preparatory measures initiated during this period. In these early stages, DHS has no significant implementation challenges to report and has not received any provider or beneficiary complaints related to the demonstration.

Related to implementation planning for Food is Medicine and Housing supports, prior to approval, Pennsylvania began exploring options related to a potential Program Administrator and completed a Request for Information process. Following approval, DHS began organizing Health Related Social Needs (HRSN) stakeholder engagement events statewide to support implementation planning. These virtual events will aim to provide general education on population and service definitions, gather information on existing screening and referral processes, service delivery, and data collection and sharing. Additionally, they focus on identifying key performance indicators (KPIs) and determining the requirements necessary to achieve these KPIs.

The Reentry program planning is currently focused on finalizing the definition of pre-release Case Management and drafting readiness criteria for providers. Business requirement sessions have been completed to facilitate the integration of eligibility beginning 90 days pre-release. The plan involves adding an 1115 High Risk indicator to the file sent from the Department of Corrections CAPTOR system (Corrections and Parole Total Online Repository) Captor through JNET (Pennsylvania Justice Network) information broker into the DHS eCIS (Electronic Client Information System). This indicator will alert case workers about inmates who are clinically eligible under the 1115 criteria. The information will be sent 105 days prior to the documented release date, with eligibility starting 90 days before the release date. The goal is to include this functionality in the March 2026 IT system release. DHS will continue to monitor for risk analysis and mitigation planning as needed as this release coincides with other IT system modifications. Additionally, plans are underway to organize stakeholder engagement events to inform and guide the implementation planning process.

DHS has contracted the Medicaid Research Center (MRC) at the University of Pittsburgh as an independent evaluator. MRC developed an initial draft evaluation plan for Pennsylvania review.