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May 10, 2021

Elizabeth Richter
Administrator
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Administrator Richter:

The Utah Department of Health, Division of Medicaid and Health Financing, respectfully requests to terminate the "Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Services Pilot" currently authorized under the State's 1115 Demonstration Waiver, with an effective termination date of March 31, 2021. The State received approval to operate this pilot in March 2019, and subsequently implemented the service on May 1, 2019. Due to additional funding appropriated by the Utah State Legislature, this service will be added to the Medicaid State Plan, and will be available to all eligible Medicaid members statewide. This will result in an improvement in the continuum of care for behavioral health services to Medicaid members. The State intends to add this benefit statewide as of April 1, 2021.

As required by the waiver Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), the state posted the attached phase-out plan on the state's Medicaid website for a 30-day public comment period from March 12, 2021 through April 11, 2021. No comments were received during this time. Also, as required by the STCs, the state began the tribal consultation process by attending the Utah Indian Health Advisory Board (UIHAB) meeting on March 12, 2021, and presenting the phaseout plan. No concerns or comments were expressed during the tribal consultation process. A copy of the UIHAB meeting agenda is also attached.

The State of Utah appreciates your consideration of this phase-out request. We look forward to the continued guidance and support from CMS in administering Utah's 1115 Demonstration Waiver.

Respectfully,



Emma Chacon
Interim Director
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Utah 1115 Primary Care Network (PCN) Demonstration Waiver

Phase-Out Plan for Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Services Pilot

Summary

In March 2019, the State received approval through the 1115 PCN waiver to provide Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Services (referred to as social detox) to adult Medicaid members residing in Salt Lake County through Volunteers of America (VOA). This service was implemented on May 1, 2019. Due to additional funding appropriated by the legislature, this service will be moved to the Medicaid State Plan and will be available to all eligible Medicaid members statewide. This will result in an improvement in the continuum of care for behavioral health services to Medicaid members. The State intends to add this benefit statewide on April 1, 2021.

Populations Impacted

Currently under this pilot, approximately 225 Medicaid members per month receive this service in Salt Lake County through VOA. The State estimates that approximately 550 members per month will receive this service statewide as a state plan benefit.

Operations and Transition Process

Eligible members residing outside of Salt Lake County can begin to receive the service as of April 1, 2021. There will be no change for members residing in Salt Lake County who are currently receiving the service.

Delivery System

Benefits will be provided through the member's prepaid mental health plan, integrated care plan or on a fee for service basis, whichever is applicable.

Public Notification Process

Public Comment Process

As part of the phase-out plan, DMHF must comply with public notification procedures as set forth in 59 Fed. Reg. 49249 (September 27, 1994). To comply with this requirement, DMHF will post the phase-out plan on the State Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.utah.gov/1115-waiver/> for a 30-day public comment period from March 12, 2021 through April 11, 2021. Public comment may be submitted by email to Medicaid1115waiver@utah.gov or by mail to:

Utah Department of Health
Medicaid and Health Financing
PO Box 143106
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-3106
Attn: Jennifer Meyer-Smart

Tribal Consultation

In accordance with the Utah State Plan and section 1902(a)(73) of the Social Security Act, the State ensures that a meaningful consultation process occurs in a timely manner on program decisions impacting Indian Tribes in the State of Utah. DMHF will begin the tribal consultation process by attending the Utah Indian Health Advisory Board meeting on March 12, 2021, and presenting the phase-out plan.

Communications Plan

Information regarding this change will be distributed as indicated below:

- Providers- Information will be included in the Medicaid Information Bulletin sent to Medicaid providers informing them that the service is available statewide to all Medicaid members.
- Medicaid Members- Because the State is not reducing services, and therefore not negatively impacting members, notification will not be sent to Medicaid members.
- Provider Manual- Information will be updated in the provider manual.
- Managed care plans - Plans have been involved with discussions on implementing this service.