§1115 HealthChoice Program Waiver Renewal

Public Hearing Presentation
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1115 HealthChoice Waiver Renewal

• HealthChoice, first implemented in 1997 under the authority of Section 1115 of the SSA, is Maryland’s statewide mandatory managed care program for Medicaid enrollees.

• The HealthChoice program is a mature demonstration that has been proven to increase access to quality health care and reduce overall healthcare spending.

• The HealthChoice 1115 Waiver is renewed every three years.
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• The 2013 renewal focused on implementing the ACA, with Maryland’s Medicaid expansion to include adults under age 65 with incomes up to 138% of the FPL.

• This waiver renewal period is particularly focused on developing cost effective services that target the significant, complex health needs of individuals enrolled in Medicaid.
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• The proposed changes for the renewal period 1/2017 – 12/2019 include expanding services under the following programs:
  – Residential Treatment for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders (SUD)
  – Transitions for Criminal Justice Involved Individuals
  – Limited Housing Support Services (Pilot)
  – Evidence-Based Home Visiting for High Risk Pregnant Women and Children up to Age Two (Pilot)
  – Increased Community Services
  – Dental Expansion for Former Foster Youth
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• Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorders (SUD) (Eff. Date: 7/1/2017)
  – Presently, CMS will not provide matching funds for state dollars that fund SUD treatment for individuals receiving care in a residential facility without a waiver.
  – The state is asking for a waiver to allow Medicaid funds to cover a continuum of SUD services.
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• Transitions for Criminal Justice Involved Individuals (Eff. Date: 7/1/2017)
  – The state is seeking a waiver to provide presumptive eligibility for Medicaid-eligible individuals leaving jails and prisons in the state.
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• Limited Housing Support Services (Pilot) (Eff. Date: 7/1/2017)
  - The State is seeking matching funds for a pilot program that would provide federal matching funds for housing-related support services for enrollees who are at risk of or are currently homeless.
  - Through an open process, local entities would apply to deliver housing support services to up to 250 Medicaid enrollees statewide. The local entities will provide the non-federal share of payment.
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• Evidence-Based Home Visiting for Pregnant Women and Children Up to Age 2 (Pilot) (Eff. Date: 7/1/2017)
  - Maryland is seeking federal matching funds for a pilot that would support local efforts to provide services through evidence-based home visiting model programs (Nurse Family Partnership; Healthy Families America)
  - The pilot would allow services for children up to age 2.
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• Increased Community Services Program (Eff. Date: 1/1/2017)
  – The program allows individuals residing in institutions with incomes above 300% of the SSI to move into the community while permitting them to keep income up to 300%.
  – Slots for the program are currently capped at 30, but the waiver will expand the limit from 30 to 100 over the 3-year period.
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• Dental Expansion for Former Foster Youth (Eff. Date: 1/1/2017)
  - DHMH seeks approval through this waiver to offer dental services available as an EPSDT benefit to former foster youth up to the age of 26.
  - Under existing rules, foster youth will age out of EPSDT dental benefits at age 21.
General Information

• The 1115 Waiver Renewal draft is available here:

• Hard copies may be obtained by calling: (410) 767-5806.

• Interested parties may send written comments concerning the waiver renewal to dhmh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov.

• The Department will accept comments from Friday, April 29, 2016 until Monday, May 30, 2016.
Public Notice

• The following public hearings will discuss the content of the waiver renewal and solicit feedback and input from stakeholders:

• Annapolis:
  – Wednesday, May 4, 2016; 10 AM – 12 PM
    • Health and Government Operations Committee Room (House Office Building)
      6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

• Baltimore City:
  – Thursday, May 26, 2016; 3-5 PM
    • Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (Room L-3)
      201 West Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
Questions?