



§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:
 - <https://mmcp.dhmh.maryland.gov/Documents/1115%20HealthChoice%20Waiver%20Final%20Draft%20V2%204.29.16.pdf>
- 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?