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Illinois Department of
Healthcare and Family Services

Illinois Healthcare Transformation

Section 1115 Demonstration Extension Overview

Mission:

To Advance Equity and Drive Sustainable Transformation

Vision:

An Equitable and Sustainable Healthcare Delivery System

The State of Illinois has articulated an ambitious vision of an equitable and sustainable healthcare delivery system and has launched several initiatives designed to bring such a system into existence. The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) now seeks to leverage Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver authority to secure additional Medicaid resources to sustain the groundbreaking work already underway and seed additional innovations.

HFS is requesting a five-year extension of the Behavioral Health Transformation Section 1115 Demonstration approved by the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in 2018. Illinois' extension request seeks broad approval to incorporate pioneering initiatives driving healthcare transformation in Illinois, including HFS' Healthcare Transformation Collaboratives Program. Accordingly, HFS proposes to rename the demonstration program extension the "Illinois Healthcare Transformation Section 1115 Demonstration."

The proposed demonstration extension targets root causes of health disparities by focusing on social determinants of health (SDOH) to address structural inequities including housing insecurity, food insecurity, and violence in tangible ways that will improve health outcomes. If approved, the extension will bring focus and resources to a broad range of health-related social needs (HRSN) benefits through sustainable, community-driven solutions that incorporate non-traditional providers into the Medicaid enterprise and managed care service delivery system.

Proposed 1115 Transformation Waiver Goals



Identify and assess causes of disparities, and revise policies and operations that perpetuate health inequities



Tailor programs to individuals and communities, resulting in improved access to care and services



Create and sustain capacity within healthcare organizations with a workforce skilled at meeting the unique needs of the communities of Illinois



Implement effective technologies and solutions that expand data collection, improve reporting capabilities, and enable analysis to support person-centered decisions



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Proposed Section 1115 Benefits and Demonstrations

HFS' 1115 request seeks authorization for two closely related efforts. The first is the addition of significant new services targeting HRSNs. The second is the operation of demonstrations to test the impact of providing such services in ways that are community-centric and equity-informed. The demonstrations represent starting points for engagement, rapid implementation, and analysis of HRSN benefits. HFS will partner with its Medicaid managed care plans to administer HRSN benefits to eligible members through new networks of nontraditional, community-based service providers.

BENEFITS

- › **Housing Supports** including pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining services for individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- › **Medical Respite** for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness to avoid or step down from higher levels of care
- › **Justice Involved Community Reintegration** to connect adults and youth with vital services and supports in the months preceding release from incarceration
- › **Community Reintegration** for individuals transitioning to the community from institutional settings such as nursing facilities
- › **Violence Prevention and Intervention** services including home visiting and dyadic therapy for individuals and families impacted by violence as well as those at risk of experiencing violence
- › **Employment Assistance** for adults with disabilities, behavioral health conditions, and/or very low income
- › **Food and Nutrition Services** such as case management, nutrition education, and medically tailored meals for people who are food insecure
- › **Non-medical Transportation** to empower individuals to engage with resources and supports in their communities
- › **Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Case Management** for individuals with SUD who qualify for diversion into treatment from the criminal justice system
- › **SUD Services in Institutions for Mental Disease** for short term residential and inpatient treatment (continuation of existing pilot and scope)

DEMONSTRATIONS

- › **Housing Support Services** will deliver pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining services to eligible Medicaid members at risk of homelessness. The pilot will support initiatives and programming under [Home Illinois: Illinois' Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#), as well as other state initiatives serving individuals and families experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- › **Supported Employment Services** will deliver employment assistance to eligible Medicaid members in conjunction with a variety of state initiatives, including Home Illinois and Williams and Colbert Consent Decree programming
- › **Justice Involved Re-Entry** will support existing and expanded collaboration between Cook County Health, Cook County Jail, and the CountyCare Medicaid managed care plan
- › **Healthcare Transformation Collaboratives Program** will deliver HRSN benefits to eligible Medicaid members served through an array of [targeted partnerships](#) throughout the State, based on member need and the focus of each collaborative
- › **Violence Prevention and Intervention** will enable eligible Medicaid members to access HRSN benefits through state programming under the [Reimagine Public Safety Act](#)
- › **Outreach and Engagement** will provide services consistent with 305 ILCS 5/12-4.56 Managed Primary Care Demonstration Project
- › **SUD Demonstration** will sustain efforts already underway under the existing 1115 Behavioral Health Transformation Waiver