2021 Medicaid §1115 HealthChoice - Expansion of Institution of Mental Disease Services for Adults

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1115 Waiver Approval Process

- The full 1115 Waiver Renewal application is available here on the main HealthChoice page.
- The Department accepted comments on the Waiver Renewal from Tuesday, May 4, to Friday, June 4, 2021.
- The §1115 Waiver Renewal was submitted to CMS on June 30, 2021 and approved on December 14, 2021.
- Renewal period: January 1, 2022-December 31, 2026.
- The CMS approved Special Terms and Conditions are available on the CMS website.
Coverage of Institutions of Mental Disease Services for Serious Mental Illness/Serious Emotional Disturbance (SMI/SED IMD)

• Included as a new initiative within the §1115 Waiver Renewal submitted to CMS in June 2021 and approved on December 14, 2021.

• Requested expenditure authority to cover IMD services to Medicaid adults aged 21 to 64 with a diagnosis of SED or SMI.

• Estimated 3,960 participants served annually.

• Will cover short term stays based on medical necessity up to 60 days, with a statewide average length of stay of no more than 30 days.

  • No annual limit on number of discreet stays per individual.

• Coverage available when delivered by facilities located in Maryland or a contiguous state.
Residential Treatment for Adults with Substance Use Disorder (SUD)

• As part of the 2016 HealthChoice section 1115 renewal application, CMS authorized Maryland Medicaid to cover services in an IMD for adults aged 21 to 64 with an SUD diagnosis.
• CMS granted authority for this coverage to continue as part of the waiver renewal.
• The State has removed any caps on length of stays for SUD treatment in an IMD.
• CMS requires a statewide average length of stay of 30 days or less.
Questions