
1115 Waiver Implementation Update

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Today's Topics

- Overview of the 2022-2027 1115 Medicaid Demonstration Waiver and funding
- Waiver Implementation Update
- Community Engagement Strategies
- Questions

Overarching Waiver Goal: *Advance Health Equity*

To achieve this, our policy framework breaks down the drivers of health inequities into actionable sub-goals:



Ensuring people can maintain their health coverage



Improving health outcomes by addressing health related social needs



Ensuring smart, flexible spending for health-related social needs and health equity



Creating a more equitable, culturally- and linguistically-responsive health care system

Waiver implementation – Approval Authorities

Items Approved September 28, 2022

- Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)
- Designated State Health Programs (DSHP)
- Continuous Eligibility (CE) for Adults and Children
- Youth with Special Health Care Needs (YSHCN)
- Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) Services for transitional populations:
 - Housing Supports
 - Nutrition Supports
 - Case Management
 - Climate Supports

Waiver Implementation Timing

The elements of the waiver will phase in over the five years of the demonstration. One of the state's primary goals is to begin rolling out HRSN services in 2024. All dates below reflect goals; significant pre-work is needed to meet each deadline.

2023

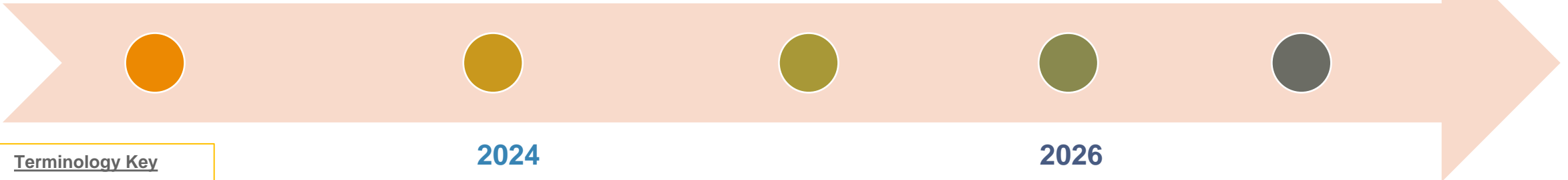
- **EPSDT** (live 1/1)
- **HRSN Implementation** planning and related **CMS deliverables** (HRSN Infrastructure and Services protocol*)
- **Continuous Enrollment** (children live 4/1, adults live 7/1)
- **New Initiatives Implementation Plan**
- Begin claiming **DSHPs***
- **Community engagement** begins and continues for the duration of the demonstration

2025

- All HRSN Services provided
- **YSHCN** eligibility criteria for individuals with high needs, including serious mental illness, and complex chronic conditions

2027

- **Prioritized List** phased out of waiver and into state plan amendment (SPA) (1/1)



Terminology Key

EPSDT: Early & Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment

HRSN: Health-Related Social Needs

DSHP: Designated State Health Programs

YSHCN: Youth with Special Health Care Needs

2024

- Proposed phased roll out of **HRSN Services** beginning (1/1 Climate; 7/1 Phasing of Housing/Nutrition)
- Work begins to transition **Prioritized List** to state plan

2026

- **YSHCN** eligibility criteria for individuals with two non-complex chronic conditions roll out

* requires CMS approval to receive federal funds

Waiver implementation – Progress

✓ Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)

- Coverage of all EPSDT services began January 1, 2023.
- Developed and continuing to roll out communications and guidance to OHP members, CCOs, Tribes, providers and other critical partners.

✓ Continuous Eligibility (CE) for Adults and Children

- “Live” July 2023.
- Continuous enrollment until age 6 tied to unwinding of PHE.
- Children below age 6 will redetermine and then begin continuous eligibility through their sixth birthday.
- Individuals age 6 and above will redetermine every 2 years.

New Federal Funding - Designated State Health Programs

- Oregon received authority for \$268 million DSHP federal buy out for the five years of the demonstration. The buy-out allows federal matching funds for a state-funded Designated State Health Program that “free up” state funding to support YSHCN coverage and HRSN services and related infrastructure investments.
- The “freed up” state funding will result in \$1.2 billion across the demonstration, which includes a state contribution of \$88 million during the last year of the demonstration. **The total federal funds are \$1.1 billion for the demonstration.**
- *Update: Infrastructure Protocol has been submitted to CMS and is pending approval. Approved protocol permits state to draw down \$119M in infrastructure funding.*

HRSN Implementation Status – Target Timeline

HRSN implementation will implement in phases and expand over time – starting with a meaningful and measurable plan that is scalable.

- HRSN Climate Benefit: January 2024
- Housing and Nutrition Services: July 2024 begin phase-in

Transition populations eligible for HRSN services

- Youth with Special Health Care Needs;
- Adults and youth discharged from an IMD;
- Adults and youth released from incarceration;
- Youth involved in the child welfare system, including youth transitioning out;
- Individuals transitioning from Medicaid-only to dual eligibility status;
- Individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless; and,
- Individuals with a high-risk clinical need who reside in a region that is experiencing extreme weather events.



HRSN Services for transition populations

Housing Supports

- Rent/temporary housing for up to 6 months
- Utility costs
- Pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining services
- Case management, outreach, and education including linkages to other state and federal benefits
- Housing transition navigation services
- One-time transition and moving costs
- Housing deposits to secure housing
- Medically necessary home accessibility modifications

Nutrition Supports

- Nutrition counseling and education
- Medically-tailored meals, up to 3 meals a day for up to 6 months
- Meals or pantry stocking for children under 21, youth with special health care needs (YSHCN), and pregnant individuals, up to 3 meals a day for up to 6 months
- Fruit and vegetable prescriptions for up to 6 months

Climate Change

- Medically necessary air conditioners, heaters, humidifiers, air filtration devices, generators and refrigerators

** CMS expects that any new HRSN initiative will supplement, not supplant, existing Federal, State, and Local services or programs*

Housing goals

- Waiver meaningfully contributes to achieving the Governor's housing/homelessness and behavioral health agendas and priorities.
- Alignment with direct funding for Tribal housing as authorized in Executive Order 23-02 and the Governor's Recommended Budget.
- Complement existing programs and connect to broader social services network.
- Demonstrate the relationship between health related social needs (housing, climate, nutrition), improved health outcomes and reduced costs to Medicaid.

Partner Engagement

Key Audiences for Upcoming Engagement, Feedback and Dialogue

- **OHP Members:** People who interact with the systems and processes we design and who are impacted by the quality of services and ease of use
- **Direct Care Providers and Coordinators:** People who interact with OHP Members
- **Contract-Holding Partners:** CCOs, Kepro, Comagine, third party contractors
- **Organizational Users of Systems:** Housing Service Providers, Medical Providers, Social Service Access Points

Moving Forward in 2023

- Work sessions with partners to ensure coordinated implementation planning of all waiver services and authorities.
- Potential topics for engagement include, but are not limited to:
 - Contract changes for System Partners
 - Rule changes
 - System changes
 - Procurement
- Progress updates to Legislature post session.

Questions?