



## **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Demonstration (MEPD) March, 2014**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continues its successful implementation and operation of the Medicaid Emergency Psychiatric Demonstration (MEPD). There are eleven states and the District of Columbia participating in the MEPD, which began on July 01, 2012 and runs to June 30, 2015. The Demonstration was designed to provide states with more flexibility and resources to care for Medicaid beneficiaries experiencing a psychiatric emergency medical condition (EMC) by eliminating the Medicaid prohibition on use of private Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) for Medicaid beneficiaries ages 21 through 64, diagnosed with a psychiatric EMC.

### **The states participating in the Demonstration are:**

Alabama, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Rhode Island, Washington and West Virginia.

### **Eligible individuals for the MEPD are voluntary or involuntary patients and must meet the following criteria:**

1. Enrolled in fee-for-service Medicaid or eligible for Medicaid assistance
2. Have to be the age of 21 through 64
3. Require inpatient assistance to stabilize a psychiatric emergency medical condition which is defined as being suicidal, homicidal or determined to be a danger to self or others.

The MEPD, as mandated by the ACA, supports CMS's commitment to improving the quality of care available to Medicaid beneficiaries. The Demonstration is being administered by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation; this center was created by the Affordable Care Act and is committed to achieving the three aims of better health, better health care, and reduced costs through improvement for CMS beneficiaries by testing delivery system models.

Additional information can be found at Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation web site:

<http://innovation.cms.gov/initiatives/Medicaid-Emergency-Psychiatric-Demo/>