



§1115 Waiver Amendment Reentry Demonstration

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Agenda

- **Welcome**
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- Additional comments, letters and questions can be submitted via email to mdh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov.

HealthChoice Overview

History of HealthChoice

- HealthChoice, first implemented in 1997 under the authority of §1115 of the Social Security Act, is Maryland's statewide mandatory managed care program for Medicaid enrollees.
- The HealthChoice §1115 Demonstration Waiver was last renewed in 2021; the current waiver term extends for five years (calendar years 2022-2026).
- The HealthChoice program is a mature demonstration that has been proven to increase access to quality health care and reduce overall health care spending.

History of HealthChoice

- In December 2021, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Maryland's application for a seventh extension of the HealthChoice demonstration.
- MDH submitted a previous waiver amendment application in October 2023 to establish an Express Lane Eligibility program to utilize data from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Medicaid redeterminations, as well as to continue Maryland's waiver of the Four Walls Requirement, as previously granted under the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. MDH is currently waiting for CMS approval.
- This current waiver amendment application will be submitted to CMS in March.

Current Enrollment

As of December 2023...

- There were 1,495,136 individuals enrolled in HealthChoice, representing 87 percent of total Maryland Medicaid enrollment.
- 411,522 adults were enrolled through the ACA Medicaid expansion.

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Reentry Demonstration

- On April 17, 2023, the CMS announced the new Medicaid Reentry §1115 Demonstration Opportunity to improve care transitions for certain individuals who are soon-to-be former inmates of a public institution (hereinafter referred to as incarcerated individuals, except when quoting from statute) and who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid.
- This §1115 waiver amendment is requesting approval to authorize federal Medicaid matching funds for the provision of a set of targeted Medicaid services, described below, to be provided up to 90 days prior to release for eligible justice-involved populations.
- Pre-release services will prioritize individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) and/or severe mental illness and consist of comprehensive case management, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for SUD as clinically appropriate, with accompanying counseling, and provision of all prescribed medications for 30 days upon release.

Reentry Demonstration

Goals

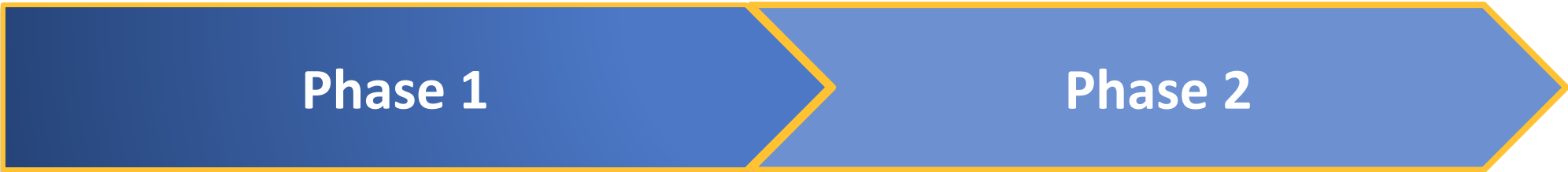
Reduce emergency department visits and inpatient hospitalizations among recently incarcerated Medicaid beneficiaries through increased receipt of preventive and routine physical and behavioral health care.

Improve connections between carceral settings and community services upon release to address physical health, behavioral health and health-related social needs (HRSN).

Pre-Release Services

- Case Management
- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT)
- MAT counseling
- Provision of prescribed medications for 30 days *upon release**

Reentry Demonstration



Location

- All state-managed prisons and jails, starting with state intake facilities
- All state-managed prisons and jails PLUS expansion to county facilities

Population

- Substance Use Disorder
- Serious Mental Illness
- Substance Use Disorder
- Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- Additional populations*

*Future expansion may include HIV/AIDs population, transgender population and additional chronic conditions



Public Notice

The following online public hearings will discuss the content of the waiver renewal and solicit feedback and input from stakeholders:

- First Public Hearing: 1/22/24, 1:00-3:00 pm
Combined with the January MMAC Meeting
In-Person Meeting Location: Room L3, 201 W Preston Street, Baltimore, MD 21201
- Second Public Hearing: 2/5/24, 10:30-11:30 am
In-Person Meeting Location: Marvin Thomas Room, East Columbia Branch of Howard County Library, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia, MD 21045

The full draft of the application became available for public comment on January 12, 2024.

General Information

- The §1115 waiver amendment draft is available here:
 - On the [main HealthChoice page](#);
 - Directly in [pdf form](#); and
 - With [a summary document](#).
- Hard copies may be obtained by calling (410) 767-5683.
- Interested parties may send written comments concerning the waiver amendment to mdh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov.
- The Department is accepting comments from Friday, January 12, 2024 to Monday, February 12, 2024.

Questions and Public Comment
