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Substance Use Disorder 1115 Demonstration Waiver Extension Application **Abbreviated Public Notice**

In accordance with 42 CFR §431.408, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is providing public notice of its intent to submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) an application to extend the Ohio Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment. The current Demonstration is authorized through September 30, 2024. This renewal application requests authority for Ohio to continue to operate the Demonstration as approved without changes for another five-year period. This notice is being updated to add two additional public hearings and extend the public comment period.

Summary Description of the Demonstration

The Demonstration supports a comprehensive continuum of care for Medicaid-enrolled individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD) or other SUD; it has allowed Ohio to enhance residential treatment services as a crucial component in the continuum of SUD benefits by permitting receipt of federal funding for treatment in institutions for mental diseases (IMD). The Demonstration also expands Ohio's efforts to increase support for individuals in the community and home — outside of institutions — and improve access to a continuum of highquality, evidence-based SUD services based on clinical guidelines set by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

Public Hearing Information

Previous public hearings were held on February 20, 2024 and February 29, 2024. ODM will host two additional hearings in March on the proposed Demonstration Waiver extension at which the public may provide comments.

March 6, 2024 9:30-10:30 a.m.

In person Ohio Department of Medicaid

50 W. Town Street, Suite 400

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Virtual access information Virtual

Online: Click here to join the meeting

Phone: 614-721-2972, phone conference ID: 150705390#

March 7, 2024 1:00-2:00 p.m.

o **In person** Ohio Department of Medicaid

50 W. Town Street, Suite 400 Columbus, Ohio 43215

Virtual Virtual access information

Online: Click here to join the meeting

Phone: 614-721-2972, phone conference ID: 826516015#

Full Public Notice

As part of the 1115 Demonstration Waiver extension application, ODM is required to provide a 30-day public comment period including full public notice. The full public notice includes information from the 1115 Demonstration waiver application, information regarding how to obtain a copy of the 1115 Demonstration waiver application, and other relevant information related to submitting comments. The <u>full public notice</u> can be found <u>here</u>.

Public Comment

With this updated notice, the 30-day public comment period has been extended to March 30, 2024. Comments and questions about the proposed Demonstration Waiver extension application can be submitted:

- By email to MCD_SUD1115@medicaid.ohio.gov.
- By mail to Diane Shinn, Office of Behavioral Health Policy, Ohio Department of Medicaid, P.O. Box 182709, Columbus, Ohio 43218-2709.
- By courier or in-person submission to Office of Behavioral Health Policy, Ohio Department of Medicaid, Lazarus Building, 50 W. Town Street, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on March 30, 2024.

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