

1115 MEDS-AD Waiver Post Award Forum

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Post Award Forum

- The purpose of this meeting is to solicit comments on the progress of the demonstration.
- This is an annual federal requirement of all 1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers.



1115 MEDS-AD Waiver

- The MEDS-AD Waiver provides Florida Medicaid eligibility to individuals not otherwise eligible based on financial requirements.
- Once an individual receives their eligibility through the MEDS-AD Waiver they are then enrolled into the Florida Medicaid program.
- The majority of individuals gaining eligibility through the MEDS-AD Waiver are enrolled in the State's Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) program and receive Florida Medicaid services through an MMA plan.
- Individuals who meet the eligibility and level of care criteria may enroll in one of the State's 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services Waivers.



Eligibility

As authorized in section 409.904(1), Florida Statutes, the MEDS-AD Program provides Medicaid eligibility for individuals who:

- Have a disability or are age 65 or over,
- Have income at 88 percent of the federal poverty level or lower, and
- Have assets that do not exceed \$5,000 for individuals or \$6,000 for couples.

and are in one of the following Medicaid eligibility groups:

- Group 1: Medicaid-only eligibles NOT currently receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.
- Group 2: Medicaid-only eligibles currently receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.
- Group 3: Medicaid and Medicare (dual) eligibles receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care services, hospice services, or home and community-based services.



Medication Therapy Management Program

The Medication Therapy Management (MTM) program is the demonstration component of the MEDS-AD Waiver. The program provides targeted case management to MEDS-AD recipients not enrolled in a managed care plan.

- Program Goals:
 - Improve the quality of care and prescribing practices based on best-practice guidelines.
 - Improve patient adherence to medication plans.
 - Reduce clinical risk.
 - Lower prescribed drug costs and the rate of inappropriate spending for certain Medicaid prescription drugs.



Evaluation

- The Agency contracts with Florida State University to conduct an independent evaluation of the MTM program. A new three-year contract was executed on October 6, 2016.
- The evaluation findings remain positive, with the majority of participants taking their medication correctly and as prescribed.



Data Mining

- Data mining refers to the practice of electronically sorting Florida Medicaid Management Information Systems claims through sophisticated statistical models and intelligent technologies to uncover patterns and relationships contained within the Florida Medicaid claims and history files.
- As of June 2016, data mining activities are no longer under the authority of the MEDS-AD Waiver.
 - Florida’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit received approval from the Office of Inspector General to conduct data mining under Title 45 CFR, Section 1007.20(a).



State Proposal

- The State plans to transition the MEDS-AD population under the authority of the 1115 Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Waiver and terminate the 1115 MEDS-AD Waiver.
- The State will submit an amendment to the 1115 MMA Waiver to obtain expenditure authority for the MEDS-AD population.
- The State will submit a transition/phase-out plan to terminate the 1115 MEDS-AD Waiver.
- The transition is primarily administrative in nature and individuals will continue to have access to the Florida Medicaid services as they do now.



Begin Public Comment Period

