

Notice of Idaho Medicaid Section 1115 Behavioral Health Transformation Demonstration Waiver Post-Award Public Forum

Effective April 17, 2020, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved Idaho Medicaid's §1115 Behavioral Health Transformation Demonstration Waiver for a five-year period. In addition to enabling reimbursement of services delivered in Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs), the waiver is expected to enhance the entire behavioral health continuum of care by expanding the depth and breadth of the overall array of behavioral health services available through state- and federal-funded programs. In addition, this waiver is intended to help decrease reliance on the most intensive and costly levels of care, such as crisis services, acute psychiatric hospitalizations, and residential treatment.

Pursuant to 42 CFR 431.420(c), Idaho Medicaid must conduct a post-award forum within six (6) months of the approval date for the demonstration. Although six months from the approval date falls on October 17, 2020, Idaho requested and received an extension from CMS so that the forum could be held at the October 21 public meeting of the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC).

The forum is intended to provide the public with the opportunity to offer meaningful comment on the progress of the demonstration. Details on the forum appear below.

Public comments will be accepted through end of day Monday, November 2, 2020. Please send written comments by email to 1115.IMDBH@dhw.idaho.gov or by regular postal mail to Division of Medicaid Policy Unit, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0009.

Post-Award Forum Information

Event: Public Meeting of the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Time: 3:30-4:30 PM

Location: N/A—conducted virtually via WebEx

Call-in Number: 1-415-655-0003

Meeting Number: 133 093 7548

Password: 10212020

Link: <https://idhw.webex.com/idhw/j.php?MTID=m60885e206fd1a557443cdb6b69927c64>

This public forum will be made accessible to persons with disabilities. Written requests for accommodation must be received at this address—Medicaid Policy Unit, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0009—not later than October 7, 2020, which is ten (10) working days prior to the forum.

Links to Reference Documents

CMS Approval Letter: <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demonstrations/downloads/id-behavioral-health-transformation-ca.pdf>

§1115 Final Waiver Application:

https://medicaidexpansion.idaho.gov/Portals/118/Assets/Documents/Idaho1115BH_IMD_WaiverPkgRD.pdf