

Medicaid Housing and Nutrition Supports: Expedited Waiver Plan

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview
- Timelines and Service Elements
- Next Steps
- Questions and Comments

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What We Do

The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing administers Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program), Child Health Plan *Plus* (CHP+) and other health care programs for Coloradans who qualify.



Our Mission:

Improving health care equity, access and outcomes for the people we serve while saving Coloradans money on health care and driving value for Colorado.



Section 1: Vision for HRSN



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HCPF Vision for Health Related Social Needs (HRSN)

HCPF is committed to covering programs that promote health & wellness.

HCPF will seek federal approval to cover services and supports that address health related social needs with the greatest impact on health including, but not limited to, housing, food, transportation and interpersonal violence



Social Determinants of Health
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Healthy People 2030



HCPF Goals for Addressing HRSN

- Understand and support member HRSN needs
- Improve short term and long term member health outcomes
- Partner with community to shape the future of HRSN services provided through Health First Colorado and CHP+

Section 2: State and Federal HRSN Policy Considerations



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Background and Purpose

- To expand coverage of services that support whole-person health and wellness, and in alignment with HB 24-1322, **HCPF is pursuing federal approval of a HRSN 1115 Demonstration Waiver for housing and nutrition support services.**
- Growing interest in supporting individuals' HRSN through Medicaid services across state agencies, the legislature, members, advocates, community organizations, and across the nation.
- CMS encouraging states to apply for this option
- Next steps: work quickly and closely with other state agencies, community partners, and the Gov's Office to submit in August 2024. Draft posted June 2024.

Federal Approval Procedures

- CMS lays out the “menu” of options to consider for approval. Then the state picks from within those choices. HCPF worked with CDHS, DOLA, and Governor’s team to consider:
 - Timelines of approval, and the current waiver
 - Which programs we could implement the quickest, and which ones might take more analysis
 - Programs that were already well established through state-only funding, Medicaid partnerships, local and statewide pilots, and community support.
- If the state is already paying for these programs, and we can draw down a federal match, we are able to reinvest savings to expand total services and supports

What about other waivers or legislation?

- HCPF is directed through multiple avenues to expand HRSN services for Health First Colorado, CHP+ members
- HRSN Feasibility Studies through HB23-1300 and HB24-1322 “Medicaid Coverage Housing & Nutrition Services”, will continue through 2026.
- The expedited HRSN amendment proposal to be submitted in June 2024 is in addition to the existing 1115 SUD Demonstration and the amendment submitted in April, 2024 which expands continuous coverage, coverage in prisons and DYS facilities



Out for Delivery

- Continuous Coverage (0-3 & DOC)
- Inpatient MH
- CJ Re-entry
- Submitted April 2024



Rocket Speed

- Housing Supports (including PSH)
- Nutrition Supports
- Submit August 2024



Taking Off

- Presumptive Eligibility
- Expanded Re-entry to Jails (maybe)
- Submit December 2024



Steady Train

- Additional HRSN
- Additional Continuous Coverage
- Submit after January 2026

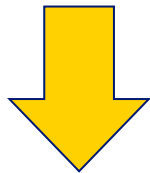


HRSN 1115 Amendment Timeline

Early May 2024

Services and
Populations defined

Stakeholder
Meetings



June 2024

Public & Tribal
Comment Period

Public Hearings &
Tribal Consultation

August 2024

Submit 1115 HRSN
amendment to CMS

Target Effective Date July 2025

Section 3: Service Elements

Proposed Housing and Nutrition Supports Covered through HRSN Demonstration Waiver

Housing Services	Nutrition Services
Pre-Tenancy & Tenancy Sustaining Services	Meals or pantry stocking
Rent/temporary housing for up to 6 months (including Utilities)	Medically-tailored meals
One-time transition and moving costs	Nutrition counseling/education
Housing navigation services	

1115 HRSN Demonstration Populations

Medicaid members

- Experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness (defined by DOLA) with either one or more of the following
 - Behavioral health need
 - Chronic health condition
- Transitioning out of a nursing facility, or at risk of institutionalization
- Transitioning out of the Foster Care System (age 18-26)

Opportunity to expand populations in future amendments

Aligning 1115 Demonstration with Existing HRSN Efforts

Health First Colorado covered benefits:

- Limited Supportive Housing Services (pilot)
- [Peer Services](#)
- [Long-Term Services & Supports \(LTSS\) Transition Services](#)
- [Home Delivered Meals through Adult HCBS waivers](#)

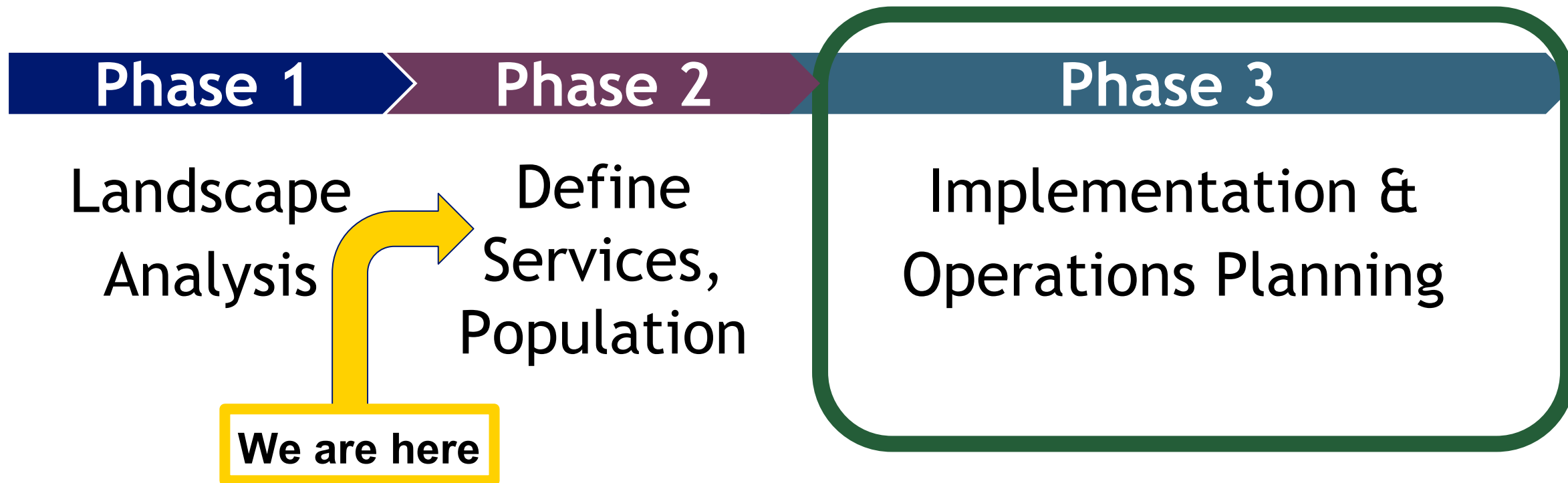
HRSN Supports in progress across State Agencies:

- [Community Health Workers](#)
- [Social Health Information Exchange \(SHIE\)](#)
- [Healthy Eating and Active Living](#)

Section 4: Ways to Support and Stay Involved

How you can help - Keep sharing!

HCPF relied on pilot programs, community feedback and published reports to review the CMS options. We will need your continued engagement in implementation planning.



HRSN 1115 Amendment Next Steps

- HCPF will post the HRSN 1115 waiver amendment draft for public comment in June 2024.
- HCPF will facilitate two public hearings, in person and virtually.
- Starting in July 2024, HCPF will host progress update forums.
- By end of August 2024, the state will submit a standard application to CMS that defines the population and scope of services.
- Upon approval of the amendment, HCPF will write the state's implementation plan over an approximately 6-month period.
- HCPF anticipates to implement in July 2025.



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Ongoing HRSN Feasibility Studies: Opportunities for Engagement

- HRSN Feasibility Studies through HB23-1300 "Continuous Eligibility Medical Coverage" (HB23-1300) and HB24-1322 "Medicaid Coverage Housing & Nutrition Services" will continue concurrently to this amendment process.
- The Feasibility Studies outlined in these two bills will be focused on developing recommendations of services and scope for possible future HRSN service expansions. These efforts to expand HRSN services will be guided by stakeholder contributions.
- Opportunities to contribute to this work will be available starting this summer.

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