



INFORMATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Informational Memo is to inform the public of the Department’s submission of an 1115 Waiver Amendment to the existing 1115 SUD Waiver Demonstration Waiver.

Information:

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is submitting a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to amend Colorado’s Expanding the Substance Use Disorder Continuum of Care Section 1115 demonstration waiver (1115 SUD waiver) in order to expand access to health services.

The Department submitted the amendment to CMS on April 1, 2024. The amendment would authorize:

- In accordance with HB23-1300, continuous eligibility for two populations, implementing January 1, 2026:
 - Children ages 0-3

- Adults leaving a Colorado Department of Corrections (DOC) facility;
- In accordance with SB22-196, prerelease services (case management, medication assisted treatment [MAT], and medications) for individuals transitioning from correctional facilities, implementing July 1, 2025; and
- In accordance with the FY 2024-25 state budget, the Department budget request R-09 institutes coverage for inpatient mental health services in freestanding psychiatric hospitals, also called institutes mental disease (IMD) for an average length of stay up to 30 days (inclusive of stays up to 60 days), implementing July 1, 2025.

In preparation for this amendment the Department:

- Completed a CMS Transparency Review of public noticing materials
- Held 15 public meetings, including 2 public hearings
- Opened a 30-day formal public notice period and 60-day tribal consult period
 - During the comment period, the Department received 41 comments and 11 letters of support

Within 15 days of receipt of the application, CMS will determine whether the application is complete and send written notice informing the Department of receipt of the complete application, the date on which the Secretary received the application and the start date of the 30-day Federal public notice period.

Once the 30-day Federal public notice period is complete, the amendment application will be ready for negotiation and review. This process takes many months and the Department will update stakeholders as soon as possible.

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