

Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)

Stakeholder Engagement Forum

Presented by: Behavioral Health Benefits Team

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Agenda

- 1115 Waiver Requirements
- IMD Basics
- SMI Definition
- ANSA
- Initial Providers
- Key Milestones

1115 Waiver

SMI/SED Demonstration Framework

SMI/SED Demonstration Goals:

- ❖ Improving care coordination
- ❖ Increase access to full Continuum of Care, including crisis stabilization services
- ❖ Early identification and engagement in treatment

Standard Terms and Conditions (STCs) Require HCPF to:

“Implementation of a requirement that providers, plans, and utilization review entities use an evidence-based, publicly available patient assessment tool, preferably endorsed by a mental health provider association to determine appropriate level of care and length of stay.” (pg 24)

- ❖ HCPF has selected use of the ANSA to meet this requirement

Go Live Target Date Oct 1, 2025

IMD Basics

Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) -

- “A hospital, nursing facility, or other institution of **more than 16 beds**, that is primarily engaged in providing diagnosis, treatment, or care of persons with mental diseases, including medical attention, nursing care, and related services.” - SSA §1905(i).
- Criteria:
 - 16 or more beds
 - 50% or more of population with behavioral health diagnosis
- IMD Rule:
 - Stays of more than 15 days per calendar month result in no payment to facility for any days

Severe Mental Illness

Identified by

- diagnoses (ie. Schizophrenia spectrum disorders, Bipolar disorders, Major depressive disorders)
- age (21-64)
- facility designation (phased roll out)

Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA)

Why ANSA?

- No user cost, minimal customization fees
- Evidence-based
- Publicly available, patient assessment tool
- Reliable aid to:
 - Create Service Plan
 - Monitor outcomes
- Aligns with Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS), currently utilized in CO-System of Care

Discussion Question: Are any providers already utilizing the ANSA?

Impacted Providers

Phase 1: PT 02 Mental Health Psych Hospital Facilities

Phase 2: CSU/ATU

Prepare:

- Participate in HCPF & RAE stakeholder engagement (Coming Soon - Sept 2025)
- Identify internal leads for:
 - ANSA training & certification
 - Utilization Management (UM) process alignment
 - Care coordination workflows

Key Milestones on the Horizon

- CMS Implementation Plan Approval (**anticipated by Sept**)
- Outreach to Phase 1 providers to participate in stakeholder meetings
- Orient RAEs
 - RAE SMI Workgroup (4 sessions; 1 hour each)
 - Care coordination requirements
 - UM reviews and requirements
 - RAE reporting and systems updates
- Orient Providers
 - Training on ANSA
 - Training on review and UM process
 - Training on Care coordination requirements



Questions?



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Next Meeting: 09/18/2025 @ 12-1PM