

Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS

May 15, 2024

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates - ASAM Training & Support

- [On-the-Spot: ASAM Integration and Application](#)
 - 3rd Friday at 11 am CST
- [Monthly Portal Training Meeting](#)
 - 2nd Friday at 11 am CST
 - June 14
 - July 12
- [ASAM Quarterly Lunch & Learn Training Meeting](#)
 - 4th Wednesday, every 3 months, at 12 pm CST
 - June 26
 - Sept. 25

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – 1115 SUD System Reform Demonstration Waiver

- All residential programs mandated to attest to ASAM by Jan. 1, 2024, did so.
- 193 nonresidential programs must attest to providing an ASAM level of care (enroll) by Jan. 1, 2025, including secondary locations
 - Providers must have 245G or 245F licensure and be enrolled as a Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP) provider
 - Providers must have the 245G.20 co-occurring designation
- We continue to work with CMS and independent evaluator on revisions to the Interim Evaluation Report as part of MN application for extension.

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates— Paperwork Reduction & Systems Improvement

- Contract updated to include the creation of an ASAM Readiness Tool.
- Began internal discussion of DAANES survey feedback.
 - Big thank you for all who took the time to complete the survey!
- Steering Committee Meetings continue monthly.
 - May's focus: Review drafted recommendations for Licensing Audit & Licensing Application.

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – Community of Practice (CoP)

- Upcoming Meetings
 - [Aug. 20, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q3](#)
 - [Oct. 15, 2024: 1-2:30 pm CT - Q4](#)
- SUD [CoP Webpage](#) – provides overview, agendas and summaries.
- Working with vendor on revisions to first series of reports
 - MN Treatment Gaps
 - ASAM Implementation Roadmap
 - Culturally Specific Care

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – Contingency Management MA Study

- [MN Laws 2023, Regular Session, Chapter 61, Article 4, Section 23](#) directed DHS to complete a Medical Assistance Behavioral Health System Transformation Study to evaluate the feasibility, potential design, and federal authorities needed to cover contingency management services under the medical assistance program.
- BerryDunn was awarded the contract in May to begin work on the study, and it is expected to be completed in June 2025.
- As we work through the study, we will be looking for providers who are implementing contingency management to participate.
 - Any interested providers can email andrea.suker@state.mn.us

SUD Reform & Redesign Team Updates – Re-entry Demonstration

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- In February BerryDunn was awarded the contract to begin work on the study . The study is expected to be completed in late September.
- The study will inform any further legislative requirements that may come out of this upcoming session, including if DHS is directed to apply for the waiver.

The governor has included the 1115 reentry waiver and pilot program plan in his budget proposal. The bill to direct DHS to apply for the waiver and creates pilot programs is in the DHS house omnibus bill and is currently not in the DHS senate omnibus bill. The mandated services that MN will be required to provide beyond the minimum requirements from CMS are still being discussed.

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- BerryDunn is currently working on that study, and it is expected to be completed in late September. The study will be one tool that will inform an application for the 1115 reentry waiver that DHS is expecting to be passed this session, in addition with a workgroup to start this year to help inform each step of the process and some pilot site funding.

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The proposed pilot sites include:

- Three state correctional facilities to be determined by the commissioner of corrections, one of which must be the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Shakopee
- Two facilities for delinquent children and youth licensed under section 241.021, subdivision 2, identified in coordination with the Minnesota Juvenile Detention Association and the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association
- Four correctional facilities for adults licensed under section 241.021, subdivision 1, identified in coordination with the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association and the Association of Minnesota Counties; and
- One correctional facility owned and managed by a Tribal government, or a facility located outside of the seven-county metropolitan area that has an inmate census with a significant proportion of Tribal members or American Indians.
- Additional facilities may be added to the waiver contingent on legislative authorization and appropriations.

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The 1115 reentry waiver allows for Medicaid coverage of a benefit package up to 90 days prerelease from a correctional facility. The services that are required if states are granted the waiver include:

- Case management
- Medication-Assisted Treatment
- 30 days supply of all prescription medications upon release

States can choose to cover additional services as part of the waiver. What those services that Minnesota will include is still being determined by the legislature.

Waivers are CMS timeline dependent. At the current time CMS has a backlog of waivers. Waivers can typically take a lot of back-and-forth negotiations with CMS before they get approved. Upon approval DHS will need to submit an implementation plan including a reinvestment plan within 120 days.

What questions do you have for the SUD Unit today?

We will try to answer your questions at this meeting.

Questions that require more research will be posted within two weeks on the Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS webpage.



Thank You!

For updates about future meetings and responses to questions not answered during this meeting, please visit the [Thursday Connections with SUD at DHS webpage](#).