




# **1915i State Plan Amendment Overview**

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# What is Behavioral Health?

A state of mental/emotional being and/or choices and actions that affect **WELLNESS**.



Preventing and treating depression and anxiety

Preventing and treating substance use disorder or other addictions

Supporting recovery

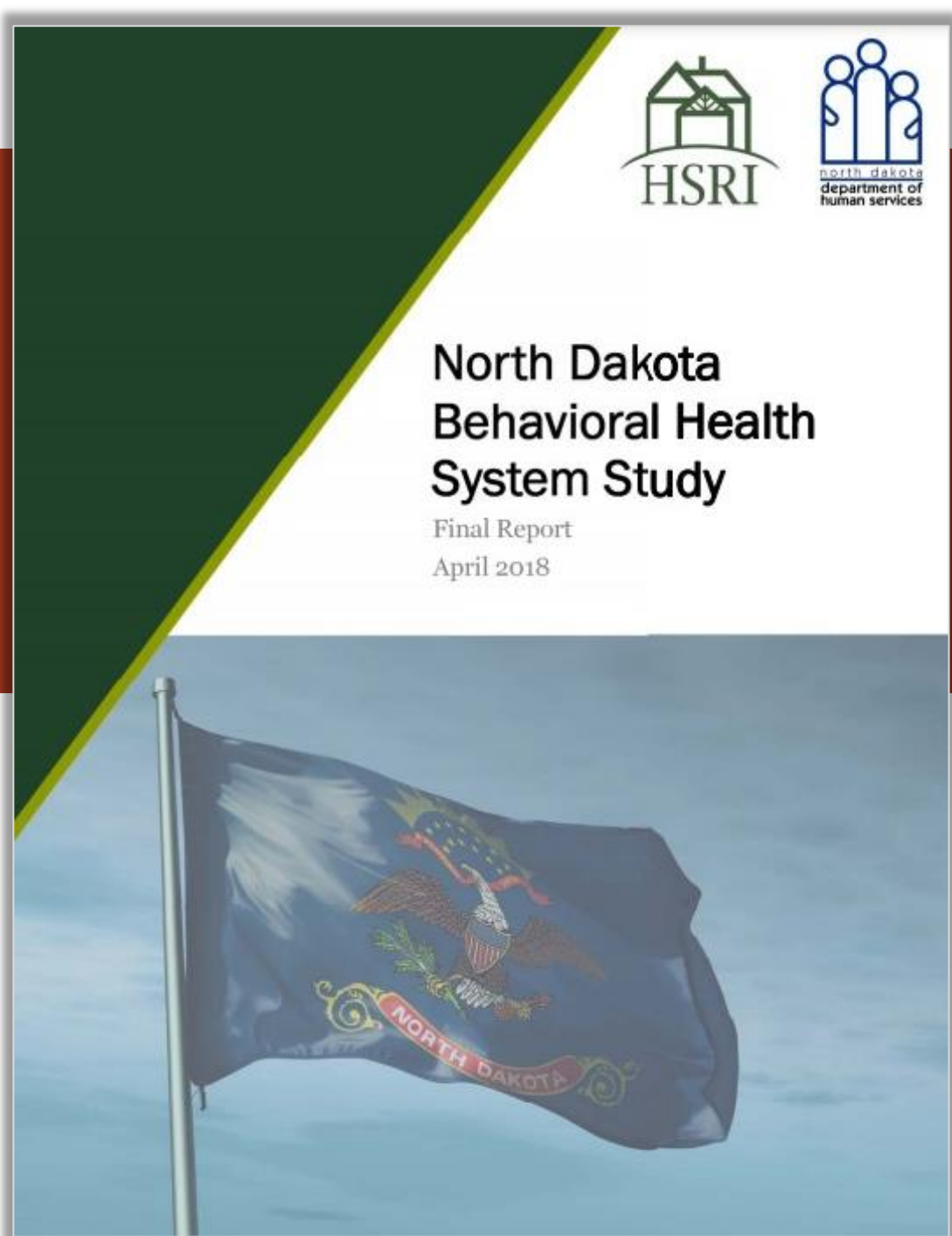
Creating healthy communities

Promoting overall well-being

# ROADMAP

## The Behavioral Health Systems Study, April 2018

The implementation of the Medicaid 1915(i) State Plan Amendment aligns with the 2018 North Dakota Behavioral Health System Study recommendation **12.2: Pursue 1915(i) Medicaid state plan amendments.**



# Benefits of 1915(i)



## Consumers

Services available closer to home and are specifically targeted to need



## Behavioral Health Professionals

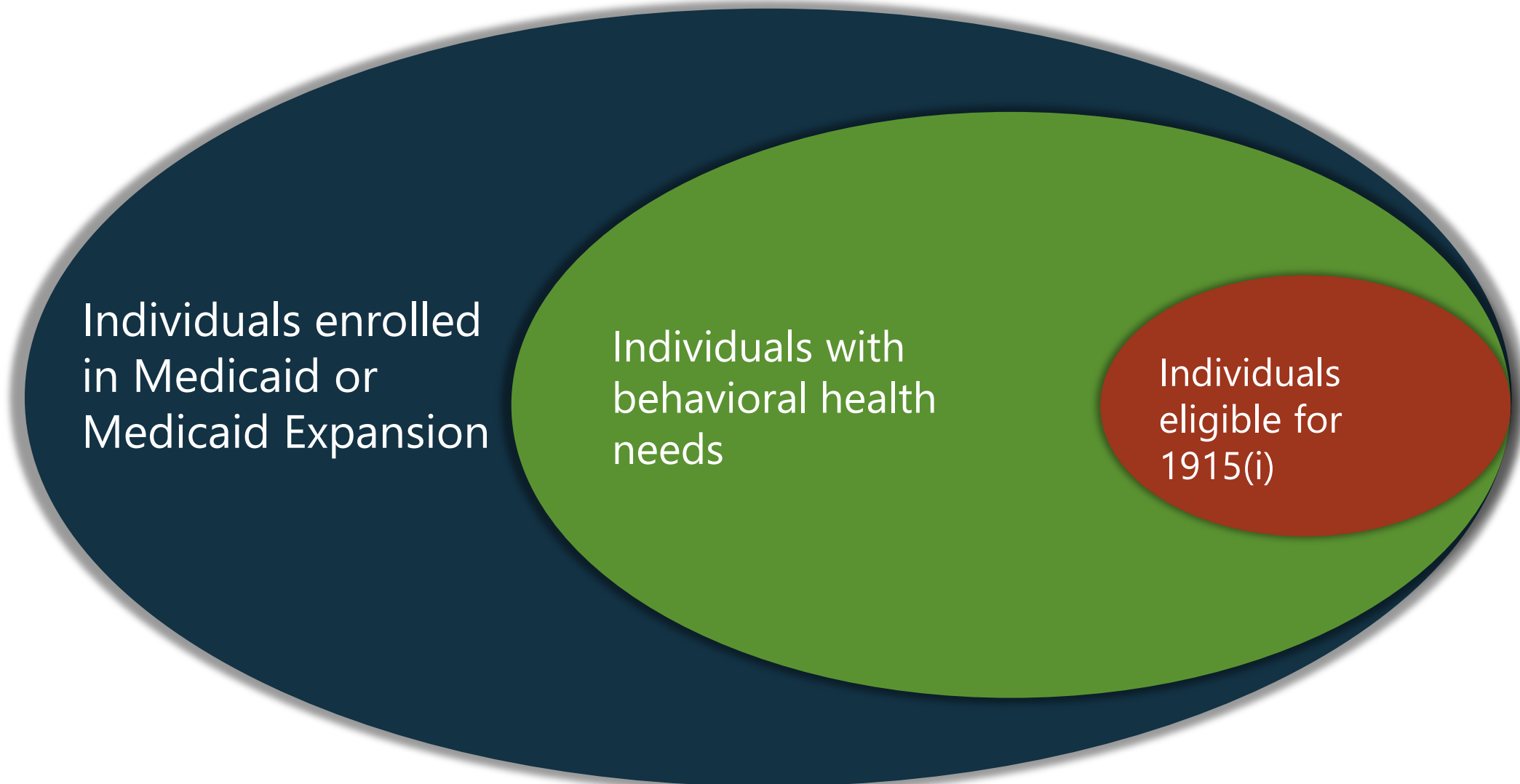
Opportunities to expand workforce through non-traditional behavioral health professionals and improve access in rural areas expands workforce



## Private Providers

Opportunities to bill for new services, expanding services and increasing revenue

# Population Served



# Eligibility Requirements

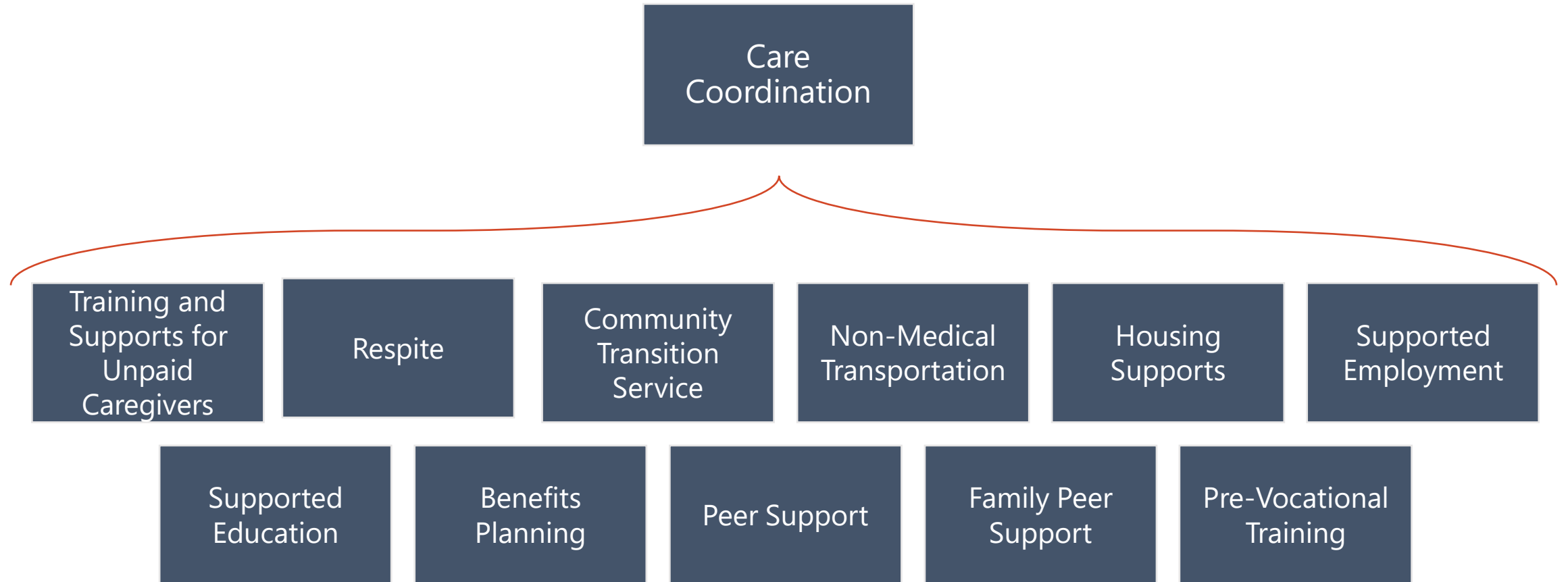
1. The individual is **age 0+**; and
2. The individual is currently **enrolled in ND Medicaid or Medicaid Expansion**; and
3. The individual's **Federal Poverty Level is 150% or below**; and
4. The individual has a **substance use, mental health or brain injury diagnosis** (see specific diagnosis list); and
5. The individual's **WHODAS score of 50 or above**; and
6. The individual resides in and will receive services in a setting meeting the federal **home and community-based setting** requirements.

# 1915(i) WHODAS Score Amendment

In response to stakeholder feedback, a request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to lower the WHODAS needs-based eligibility score from 50 to 25 is in process.

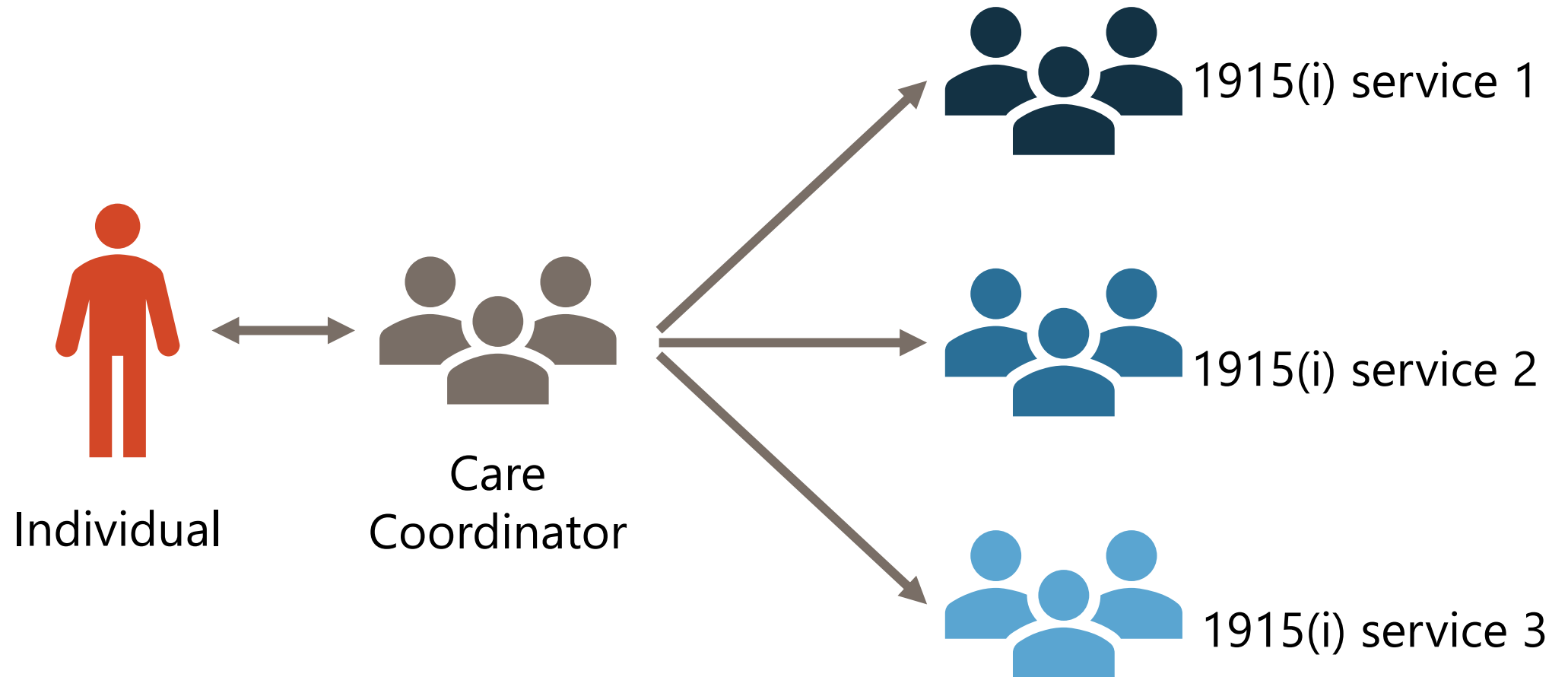
*The score remains 50 until you hear directly from Medical Services.*

# 1915(i) Services





# 1915(i) Service Process



# Enrollment



## PROVIDERS

- 20 Group Providers Enrolled
  - **11 have Individual Providers enrolled with the Group enrollment**
  - Other 9 are not able to provide service until individual providers are enrolled



## MEMBERS

- April 9, 2021 – 1
- July 1, 2021 – 6 total
- **July 15, 2021 – 15 total**
- 8 denials

# PROVIDER RESOURCES



[www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i](http://www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i)



# Technical Assistance Calls for 1915(i) Providers

Medical Services and Behavioral Health Divisions are offering Technical Assistance for 1915(i) providers through a series of calls every Wednesday, beginning January 20, 2021, 1-2pm.

When

This training is offered online, every Wednesday from 1-2pm CT.

[behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i/trainings](https://behavioralhealth.nd.gov/1915i/trainings)

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