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**.
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

- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid or Medicaid Expansion
- Individuals with behavioral health needs
- Individuals eligible for 1915(i)
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.
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) WHODAS Score Amendment
1915(i) Service Process

Individual → Care Coordinator → 1915(i) service 1

Care Coordinator → 1915(i) service 2

Care Coordinator → 1915(i) service 3
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
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.

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