

NH Department of Health and Human Services
Substance Use Disorder Serious Mental Illness and Serious Emotional Disturbance
Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver
Presumptive Eligibility Amendment

Notice is hereby given that, as part of its ongoing efforts to maintain and improve access to home and community-based services in the State, the NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is applying for an amendment to its NH Department of Health and Human Services Substance Use Disorder Serious Mental Illness and Serious Emotional Disturbance Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). This amendment will enable DHHS to engage in Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) program innovations by extending presumptive eligibility to individuals applying for home and community-based services under the Department's 1915(c), Choices for Independence (CFI) waiver.

DHHS is interested in public input on the amendment request for the Substance Use Disorder Serious Mental Illness Serious Emotional Disturbance Treatment and Recovery Access (SUD-SMI-SED-TRA) Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver. DHHS is convening two Public Hearings to seek public input on this amendment request. Comments will be considered at the Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC) meeting on February 12, 2024. All MCAC meetings are open to the public.

The MCAC meeting Public Hearing will be held:

- Monday, February 12, 2024, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Fred H. Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301
Microsoft Teams meeting
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 269 760 344 562
Passcode: WMfr2V

The second Public Hearing will be held virtually:

- Thursday, February 22, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Microsoft Teams meeting
[Click here to join the meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 295 912 849 177
Passcode: PpGZ94

The complete version of the Substance Use Disorder Serious Mental Illness Serious Emotional Disturbance Treatment and Recovery Access Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver Extension Request is available for public review at: <https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/programs-services/medicaid/medicaid-waivers-and-demonstrations>. All public comments must be received by 5:00 pm (Eastern) on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Comments will be accepted: (1) at either of the two scheduled Public Hearings referenced above; (2) emailed to 1115EligibilityAmendment@dhhs.nh.gov; or (3) mailed to Carolyn Richards, NH Department of Health and Human Services, Attn: 1115(a) Presumptive Eligibility Amendment, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301