



New Hampshire 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

**Annual Post Award Forum
Dentures Amendment
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Denture Benefit Overview

On July 1, 2022, legislation was signed into law by Governor Christopher T. Sununu, requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to implement a comprehensive adult dental benefit by April 1, 2023.

DHHS incorporated the authority to provide removable dentures to nursing home residents through New Hampshire's existing Substance Use Disorder Serious Mental Illness Serious Emotional Disturbance Treatment and Recovery Access (SUD-SMI-SED-TRA) Section 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver.

The addition of removable partial and/or full dentures as a covered dental service for Medicaid enrolled adults aged 21 and older who are residing in nursing facilities provides the opportunity to examine the effect of replacing missing teeth on beneficiary health outcomes and quality of life. Eligible beneficiaries may receive dentures once every five years or more frequently when deemed medically necessary. Repairs for existing dentures are covered when medically necessary.

The denture benefit will be provided through a single managed care Dental Organization (DO), New Hampshire Delta Dental.

Timeline of Significant Actions

December 2022

- Removable Prosthodontic coverage for Adult Beneficiaries who reside in Nursing Facilities Amendment submitted

March 2023

- Amendment #3 approval for Denture Benefit for Medicaid Beneficiaries in Nursing Facilities through June 30, 2023

April 2023

- Denture benefit implemented for adults 21+ in Nursing Facilities

June 2023

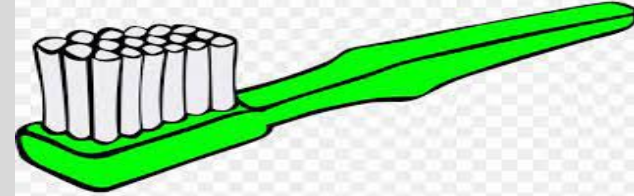
- Temporary extension of SUD-SMI-SED TRA 1115(a) research and demonstration waiver (including denture benefit) for up to one year (expiring on June 30, 2024)

Notable Accomplishments

- ✓ Plan successfully implemented on time April 1, 2023
- ✓ Continued increased number of providers and locations
- ✓ Scheduled use of mobile services to bring care where needed until the provider network increases
- ✓ Increased numbers of claims month over month since implementation (claims are a proxy for utilization)
- ✓ Collaboration with oral health stakeholders statewide to strengthen utilization and network development



Implementation



There are currently 104 nursing facilities enrolled in New Hampshire's Medicaid program. During the first quarter of the amendment (April 1 – June 30, 2023) nursing facilities served approximately 3,600 members per month.

Nursing facility staff will be responsible for identifying members needing repairs, new or replacement dentures. Facilities complete an assessment of dental needs using the Medicare Minimum Data Set (MDS) upon admission and every 3 months thereafter.

- Provision of dentures is a multi-visit treatment (including initial appointment, evaluation, and fitting(s))
- Surgery for extractions and/or bone reshaping will add additional visits
- Claims are submitted when the denture/partial is delivered to the resident

Utilization for the first 90 days of benefit

During the first quarter of implementation (April 1, 2023-June 30, 2023), there were 20 claims submitted for removable denture services on behalf of nursing facility residents. Fifteen claims were for full dentures and the remaining five claims were for repairs or partial dentures.

These results are what we would expect at the beginning of a new benefit. Providers have up to one year to submit a claim. Some claim lag is anticipated due to the claim not being billed until dentures are delivered to beneficiary.



Timeline of Deliverables

2022

- Submitted request to CMS for extension of the SUD-SMI-SED TRA research and demonstration waiver for an additional 5 year period
- Amended existing SUD-SMI-SED TRA 1115(a) research and demonstration waiver to include Denture Benefit for Medicaid Members in Nursing Facilities

2023

- On June 16, 2023 the SUD-SMI-SED TRA 1115(a) research and demonstration waiver including the denture benefit was approved for a temporary extension that expires on June 30, 2024
- Draft Denture Evaluation Design due in September to CMS

Next Steps

- SUD-SMI-SED TRA 1115(a) research and demonstration waiver full extension approval which will include Denture benefit and Community Re-entry component
- Submit Draft Denture Evaluation Design for approval by CMS

Questions and Answers