

**New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services**

*Abbreviated Public Notice for Proposed Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application  
For Newspaper Publication and Email distribution to providers and stakeholders*



The State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as the single state Medicaid agency is seeking Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver authority to support the comprehensive reform of its Medicaid program. The initiatives proposed within this “*Building Capacity for Transformation*” Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver will include improvements to the delivery of mental health, physical health, substance use disorder (SUD), oral health, and population health programs and services. New Hampshire requests authority to recognize costs not otherwise matchable from local and state health expenditures to implement these programs. The freed up state and local funding would provide needed financial assistance to pursue meaningful delivery system reforms that will help improve the New Hampshire health care system in these outlined focus areas.

Within its “*Building Capacity for Transformation*” Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver, DHHS is seeking to improve access to quality, affordable health care by:

- Encouraging hospitals, health systems, and community providers to build an integrated system at the local level by establishing a new mental health community reform pool that would reward providers for their active participation in system reform initiatives and their overall agreement to reform
- Expanding community based mental health services for the State’s non-Medicaid population in accordance with the Ten Year Mental Health Plan and its settlement with the United States Department of Justice
- Improving the service delivery of mental health and SUD services, especially in Emergency Departments, by offering financial resources for workforce development
- Increasing access to dental services by establishing an pilot program and dental benefit for pregnant women and mothers of young children
- Promoting healthy behaviors and improved health outcomes by expanding the InShape program at hospitals, health systems, and community providers to additional populations – children and 1915(c) Developmentally Disabled Waiver enrollees – and to include smoking cessation classes as a component for adults

The full public notice for the “*Building Capacity for Transformation*” Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver can be found at <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/section-1115-waiver/index.htm>. DHHS will update this website throughout the public comment and application process.

The public comment period for the “*Building Capacity for Transformation*” Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver draft application is from **Monday, April 21, 2014** until **Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 5 p.m.**

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(Eastern). You can provide comments by emailing [1115waiver@dhhs.state.nh.us](mailto:1115waiver@dhhs.state.nh.us) or writing to the address below.

New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Attn: *“Building Capacity for Transformation”* Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver application

129 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

Two public hearings on the *“Building Capacity for Transformation”* Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver application are scheduled, and DHHS will accept verbal and/or written comments at the public hearings. The dates for the public hearings are Thursday, May 8, 2014 and Monday, May 12, 2014. If you are unable to attend the public hearing in person, you may participate by teleconference or webinar. To participate via teleconference (on the date and time of the public hearing) call 1-888-972-9247, and enter passcode 8376703.

**Thursday, May 8, 2014**

**Public Forum**

**Time:** 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 pm (Eastern)

**Location:** New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Public Health Services Auditorium

29 Hazen Drive

Concord, NH 03301

To participate via webinar during this public forum on May 8, 2014, please use the following URL:

<https://deloittemeetings.webex.com/deloittemeetings/j.php?MTID=mb8068a51cd2aa136852823b6273e8aa8>

and follow the instructions posted at this link.

- Meeting Number: 733 657 357
- Meeting Password: 1115waiver

**Monday, May 12, 2014**

**Medical Care Advisory Committee (MCAC)**

**Open to the Public**

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Eastern)

**Location:** New Hampshire Hospital Association

125 Airport Road

Concord, NH 03301

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For more information on how to provide written or verbal comments regarding the “*Building Capacity for Transformation*” Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver, please visit <http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/section-1115-waiver/index.htm>.