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Approach to Allowable Uses of DSRIP Funds Received by Approved IDNs through New Hampshire's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Demonstration

Background

- Approved IDNs are eligible to receive capacity building funds in Demonstration Year (DY) 1 of the DSRIP Waiver and incentive payments based on performance against metrics in DYs 2-5 of the Demonstration.
- The amount of capacity building funds available in DY1 to each IDN is a combination of fifty percent of \$19.5 million base funding divided equally among all approved IDNs and the remaining dollars out of \$19.5 million distributed among all approved IDNs based on the percentage of Medicaid lives attributed to the individual IDN.
- The remaining funds available for DY1 will be awarded for successful submission and approval of the IDNs Project Plan. The award for the Project Plan will be the product of the remaining available \$6.5 million multiplied by the percentage of member attribution for that IDN.
- The maximum allowable funding available to each IDN is the remainder of the funds available in DY2-5 multiplied by the percentage of member attribution for each IDN divided equally among the remaining four years. Funds will be awarded out of the maximum available funding for each individual IDN based on IDN performance against targets and metrics.

Uses of Funds

- Each approved IDN may use funds received from this demonstration for costs incurred or to be incurred by the IDN on or after its approval date related to achieving metrics associated with the projects in the IDN's approved Project Plan or to sustain the metrics achieved through an approved project of the IDN's Project Plan.
- Each IDN may also use funds received through this demonstration in accordance with the allowable and non-allowable uses of incentive funds as described by DHHS in the application.
Allowable Expenditures and Non-allowable Expenditures - from IDN Application
IDN Project Design and Capacity Building funds are designed to be used by IDNs to prepare their project plans and to build the capacity and tools required to implement the transformation waiver. Allowable uses of funds include the following activities. Costs must be reasonable for services rendered.
 - **Development of a Community-Based Behavioral Health Needs Assessment** – An IDN can use project plan and capacity building funds to advertise, sponsor and staff community forums; facilitate and participate in meetings with stakeholders; gather and document community input; perform analysis of regional health data; review pre-existing planning efforts and materials (e.g., SIM materials); draft, review, prepare and disseminate a community-based behavioral health needs assessment.
 - **Development of IDN Project Plan** – Funds can be used to convene meetings of participating organizations; review data, clinical evidence, and research; review existing

clinical, financial and governance practices of participating IDN partners; plan new clinical, financial and governance approaches for the IDN; draft, review and revise a Project Plan; participate in technical assistance.

- **Capacity building for direct care or service provision workforce: Recruitment and Hiring**— Funds can be used to support the recruitment and hiring of front-line staff involved in the direct delivery of health care, behavioral health care (mental health and substance use disorder), or social services, with a focus on job categories associated with regional service gaps and shortages identified in Section V. These activities may include the development of job descriptions, advertising of positions, interviewing, and onboarding of new staff.
- **Capacity building for direct care or service provision workforce: Retention of existing staff**—Funds can be used to promote retention of existing front-line staff involved in the direct delivery of health care, behavioral health care, or social services, in job categories associated with regional service gaps and shortages identified in Section V. This may include reasonable compensation adjustments, professional development programs, cross-training initiatives, and other retention strategies.
- **Capacity building for direct care or service provision workforce: Training**—Funds can be used to support training/re-training of front-line staff involved in the direct delivery of health care, behavioral health care, or social services, with a focus on job categories associated with regional service gaps and shortages identified in Section V. This may include the identification of training needs, the development of training curricula, and training deployment/delivery.
- **Establishment of IDN administrative/ project management infrastructure.** Funds can be used to support the establishment of key IDN leadership roles (e.g., IDN Executive Director) and other project management support staff; contracting for consulting support; establishing means of communication among partners; creating project management protocols and systems for IDN planning and implementation activities.
- **Health Information Technology/Exchange.** Funds can be used for investments in critical Health Information Technology/Exchange infrastructure, which may include EMR/Electronic health record systems, registry capacity, embedding of core standardized assessments into existing systems, enabling of common treatment plans and care transition plans to be shared between providers across sites of service, health information exchange, etc.

Non-Allowable Expenditures

Please note: The following list of non-allowable expenditures is not exclusive.

- A. Alcoholic beverages
- B. Debt restructuring and bad debt
- C. Defense and prosecution of criminal and civil proceedings, and claims
- D. Donations and contributions
- E. Entertainment
- F. Capital expenditures for general purpose equipment, building and land, with the exception of costs associated with information technology requirements for the demonstration:

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- G. Fines and penalties
- H. Fund raising and investment management costs
- I. Goods or services for personal use
- J. Idle facilities and idle capacity
- K. Insurance and indemnification
- L. Interest expense
- M. Lobbying, as defined under NH law
- N. Memberships and subscription costs
- O. Patent costs