



**Section 1115 HEART Demonstration
Waiver Annual Public Forum
(December 5, 2023)**

Waiver Summary:

The Healing and Ending Addiction through Recovery and Treatment (HEART) waiver is an 1115 demonstration intended to support implementation of the HEART Initiative, which is intended to expand the state's behavioral health continuum of care. The State is not proposing changes to Medicaid eligibility standards with this waiver. The State applied for the waiver to authorize additional health care services to Medicaid beneficiaries, ages 18 to 64 years old with a substance use disorder (SUD) or severe mental illness (SMI). The first piece of the HEART waiver was reimbursement for individuals diagnosed with a SUD receiving treatment in short-term residential and inpatient stays in institutions of mental disease (IMDs). IMDs are institutions of more than 16 beds. This component of the waiver was approved July 1, 2022.

The demonstration is approved for five years, beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2027. At that time, the State would need to submit a renewal application. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) also requires reports from the State, to be submitted quarterly and annually during those five years.

2023 Updates:

CMS approved the state's Substance Use Disorder Monitoring Protocol, and the state began reporting claims data. The state submitted three additional reports in 2023 including an annual narrative report.

During 2023 Montana added additional ASAM 3.5 facilities under this authority, which increased access to this level of care across the state:

- Recovery Centers of Montana Cramer Creek is in Clinton, MT. This facility is licensed for 77 residential beds (ASAM 3.5 Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential Services).
- Recover Centers of Montana Hungry Horse in Hungry Horse, MT. This facility is licensed for 36 residential beds (ASAM 3.5 Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential Services).
- Recovery Centers of Montana Columbia Falls in Columbia Falls, MT. This facility is licensed for 50 residential beds (ASAM 3.5 Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential Services)



- Montana Chemical Dependency Center (MCDC). This facility is run by the State of Montana and is licensed for 32 beds (ASAM 3.5 Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential Services.)

Rimrock Foundation in Billings, MT, and Badlands Treatment Center in Glendive, MT continued to accept patients under this authority throughout 2023.

The following additional components of the waiver are still being negotiated between the State and CMS.

- Contingency Management, which is an evidence-based practice that uses positive reinforcement for members receiving stimulant use disorder treatment (state is expecting to be approved by the end of 2023 and begin services during 2024);
- Tenancy support services (state is expecting to be approved by the end of 2023 and begin services during 2024); and
- Services for individuals in the Montana State Prison and Montana Women's Prison 30-days prior to discharge/transfer (state is expecting to be approved by the end of 2023 and begin services in 2025**).

**There are additional planning and steps required for implementation.

The State continues to work with the contractor Manatt during ongoing negotiation with CMS working toward implementation of these additional waiver components.

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