



Section 1115 HEART Demonstration Waiver Post Award Forum (November 29, 2022)

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.

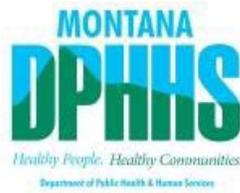
2022 Updates

The State will provide the first of two quarterly reports to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on the status of the waiver, the first week of December. This includes the State's plan to report claims data and a corresponding narrative report describing the implementation of services.

The State coordinated with the contractor Manatt throughout the application and approval process. The State continues to work with Manatt during the initial implementation of the waiver.

There are two IMDs now accepting Medicaid beneficiaries:

- Rimrock Foundation in Billings, Montana. Rimrock's main facility has 40 licensed residential beds and was unable to access Medicaid reimbursement prior to this waiver.



- Rimrock has served 134 patients under this demonstration.
- Badlands Treatment Center (BTC) in Glendive, MT. BTC is operated by Community Counseling and Correctional Services (CCCS). CCCS previously ran the WATCH (Warm Springs Addiction, Treatment, and Change) East program in the building, which housed felony DUI offenders. The facility was repurposed and licensed for 32 residential beds. The facility accepted its first patients in September 2022.
 - Badlands Treatment Center has served 17 patients under this demonstration.

The following additional components of the waiver are still be 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;
- Tenancy support services; and
- Services for individuals in the Montana Women’s Prison 30-days prior to discharge/transfer.

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