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RE: South Dakota Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Application

The South Dakota Department of Social Services intends to submit an 1115 demonstration (demonstration) application to the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) titled "Improving American Indian Health in South Dakota". The demonstration will be available to all American Indians enrolled in South Dakota Medicaid that are IHS eligible and elect to receive services from a participating provider.

The demonstration proposes to add providers to the IHS care network by utilizing FQHCs to broaden the network of culturally competent primary care providers for American Indians. The demonstration also proposes to give demonstration providers the same status as IHS allowing them to refer and coordinate care for a recipient in the IHS network.

This model would test alternative means of delivering healthcare through existing facilities in population centers that serve high percentages of American Indians. The demonstration will operate at three FQHC sites that serve a high percentage of American Indian patients:

- South Dakota Urban Indian Health: Pierre and Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- Horizon Health: Mission, South Dakota
- Community Health Center of the Black Hills: Rapid City, South Dakota

The goals and objectives of the demonstration are the following:

1. Improve access to culturally competent primary care sources for American Indians enrolled in South Dakota Medicaid.
2. Improve health outcomes for American Indians enrolled in South Dakota Medicaid.
3. Decrease non-emergent emergency department utilization and inpatient hospitalizations.

The demonstration will not utilize different standards or methodologies for determining Medicaid eligibility. American Indians receiving services through the demonstration will continue to have the same benefit coverage, cost sharing, and delivery system as provided under the Medicaid state plan. The State intends to implement the demonstration within 90 days of approval and is requesting to operate the demonstration for a five year period.

The State will conduct two public hearings at the following times and locations:

January 16, 2019
9 AM CST
Kneip Building

Kneip 2 Conference Room
700 Governors Drive
Pierre, SD 57501

January 22, 2019
1 PM CST
DSS Local Office
Capitol Conference Room
3900 W. Technology Circle, Ste. 1,
Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Commenters may appear telephonically at these hearings by calling (866)-410-8397 and entering conference code 6256779181.

A copy of the proposed demonstration is available on the Department's website at <https://dss.sd.gov/medicaid/1115waiver.aspx>. Please contact me within 30 days of receipt of this message with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



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Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver

Brief Description: The demonstration proposes to add providers to the IHS care network by utilizing FQHCs to broaden the network of culturally competent primary care providers for American Indians. The demonstration also proposes to give demonstration providers the same status as IHS allowing them to refer and coordinate care for a recipient in the IHS network.

Reason for the Demonstration: To improve culturally competent primary care access and health outcomes for American Indians enrolled in South Dakota Medicaid.