1115 Waiver

“Fast-Track” Extension
COVID-19 is an unprecedented public health emergency.

- **The Texas Medicaid Survey Shows:**
  - 76 percent of providers said they were very concerned or extremely concerned about the financial impacts of COVID-19.
  - 42 percent of providers reported reduced hours of service.
  - 20 percent of providers actively reduced services unrelated to COVID-19.
  - 23 percent of providers closed locations or facilities.
  - 27 percent of providers reported that COVID-19 demand has exceeded provider capacity.
1115 Waiver Goals

• Initially approved in 2011.
• Current waiver expires Sept. 30, 2022.
• Texas has aimed to:
  • Expand risk-based managed care statewide.
  • Support the development and maintenance of a coordinated care delivery system.
  • Improve outcomes while containing cost growth.
  • Transition to quality-based payment systems across managed care and hospitals.
Fast-Track Extension

• The fast track federal review process is for states to extend established 1115 waiver demonstrations.

• Texas’ extension request would extend the current waiver through Sept. 30, 2027.

• No substantive changes are requested.
Budget Neutrality

• **Assumptions for 2023 – 2027:**
  • Managed care continues.
  • Savings are phased-down (removed).
  • UC remains flat at $3.87 billion per year.
  • QIPP remains flat at $1.1 billion per year.*
  • UHRIP remains flat at $2.67 billion per year.*
  • NAIP remains flat at $0.4 billion per year.**
  • DSRIP is not funded.
  • Total savings with rollover is $17.2 billion.

*Directed-payment program amounts are subject to change based upon available budget neutrality room, economy and efficiency of the reimbursement to the provider, and other policy considerations, such as the degree of difficulty of the quality improvements and access to care for Medicaid members.

**NAIP payments will be reduced according to the federal regulations related to pass-through programs.
Continuity

- Texas Medicaid has a mature 1115 waiver inclusive of:
  - 17 Medicaid Managed Care Organizations
  - 288 performing providers in DSRIP
  - 864 nursing facilities in QIPP
  - 529 providers in the Uncompensated Care Program
  - 3 Dental Maintenance Organizations
- HHSC will continue to advance the goals of the 1115 waiver under an extension and align any new programs with overall Medicaid quality goals.
Submit Comments

Texas Fast Track Extension Application:

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Comments will be accepted until Dec. 27, 2020
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