Public hearing webinar: Medicaid Transformation Project one-year extension and amendment

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Today’s panel

- **Michael Arnis**, Health Care Authority (HCA) deputy chief policy officer
- **Chase Napier**, HCA Medicaid Transformation manager
- **Bonnie Wennerstrom**, HCA policy connector

Moderator: **Rachelle Alongi**, HCA policy communications manager
Agenda

- Overview of the Medicaid Transformation Project (MTP)
- Overview of one-year extension
- Overview of amendment
- Public comment process
- Q&A
About MTP

- HCA purchases health care for 2 million Washington residents through our Apple Health (Medicaid) program.
- Through December 2021, Washington State will receive up to $1.5 billion as part of a Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waiver.
- The waiver allows Washington State to implement several initiatives that benefit Apple Health clients.
MTP initiatives

1. **Transformation through Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs) and Indian Health Care Providers (IHCPs):** ACHs and IHCPs are implementing projects that change the way people receive health care in their region.

2. **Long-term Services and Supports (LTSS):** supports Washington’s aging population and family caregivers who provide care for their loved ones.

3. **Foundational Community Supports:** helps vulnerable adults get and keep stable housing and employment.

4. **Substance use disorder (SUD) program:** relaxes restrictions on the use of federal funds to pay for people receiving SUD treatment in a mental health or SUD facility.

5. **Mental health IMD:** allows our state to purchase acute inpatient services for Medicaid clients between the ages of 21 and 65 who reside in a dedicated, large psychiatric facility that qualifies as an IMD.
ABOUT THE MTP ONE-YEAR EXTENSION

Why it’s needed
How the one-year extension emerged

- MTP is in year 4, and significant progress has been made.
- Our state has experienced significant disruption from the COVID-19 pandemic. MTP initiatives have been:
  - Responding to the pandemic.
  - Addressing economic and equity issues related to and uncovered by the pandemic.
- We need to continue our COVID-19 response and begin focusing on recovery.
- MTP needs additional implementation time to reach its goals, and evaluation time to understand its impacts.
Overview of the one-year extension year

- The extension would create a **sixth** year for MTP, and continue all initiatives without significant program changes.

- This extension would use federal funding that:
  - Would otherwise go unspent.
  - Is available without “new” authorization from CMS.

- We are not requesting General Fund-State dollars.

- The additional year would give us more time to:
  - Implement all initiatives.
  - Transition to sustainable, future programs while continuing to respond to COVID-19.
ABOUT THE AMENDMENT

An overview
Overview of the amendment

We are requesting an amendment to:

- Extend the LTSS presumptive eligibility process.
- Change the definition to allow transportation to community supports and services.
- Adjust the 2021 MTP value-based payment (VBP) adoption target to 85 percent.
ABOUT THE PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

We want your input!
An overview of the public comment process

- Public comment ends December 13, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

- To provide public comment on the one-year extension, amendment, or both, please complete our online survey: https://hca.surveymonkey.com/r/JNQXZVM
  - Your input is an important part of our extension application and amendment!
  - Feedback will inform the final extension application and amendment we submit to CMS.
Resources

Visit hca.wa.gov/about-hca/healthier-washington/one-year-extension-and-amendment and:

- View our one-pager about the one-year extension.
- Read the one-year extension application draft and its appendices.
- Read the amendment request draft and its appendices.
- Complete the public comment survey.
Q&A

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