



# SUMMARY OF STATE ACTION

## Tenancy Support Services in Medicaid

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### INTRODUCTION

CMS, through an Informational Bulletin released in June of 2015, recognizes the importance of supportive housing and outlined direction for states that CMS would look favorably upon<sup>1</sup>. Services provided through Home and Community Based Waiver Services (HCBW) or other Medicaid authorities could be used to support persons with disabilities prepare for, obtain and sustain tenancy in supportive housing. States recognize that supportive housing, targeted for complex care or high cost, high need individuals can improve health care outcomes for these individuals, for populations and reduce Medicaid spending. Both CMS and states are working together to finance supportive services in a way that is more sustainable than short term government or philanthropic grants. CMS will shortly conclude intensive technical assistance for eight states that are building action plans focused on expanding supportive housing capacity by bringing together state Medicaid agencies with State Housing Finance Agencies.<sup>2</sup> What is summarized below is solely where the state has recognized tenancy support services as a Medicaid benefit through negotiations with CMS. Only in these cases, will the resources that are needed be available to take supportive housing to scale.

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| California | Create incentives for health care delivery systems to fund tenancy support services as an option within the "Whole Person Care Pilots. | 1115 Medicaid Waiver | New prospective tenants only.<br><br>People with two chronic conditions or one serious mental illness who are either homeless or could exit institutions with available supportive housing. | Waiver finalized 12/30/15<br><br>Whole Person Care being implemented, starting with 10 Northern CA counties in July, 2017. |

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib-06-26-2015.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/innovation-accelerator-program/community-integration-lts/ci-ltss.html>

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| California (CONT'D) | <p>Includes Outreach, Engagement in services for supportive housing and Move in Costs (e.g. security deposits).</p> <p>Counties are managing WPC resources, MCOs are managing Health Homes resources.</p> |                       |  | <p>State web site:<br/> <a href="http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/WholePersonCarePilots.aspx">http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/WholePersonCarePilots.aspx</a></p> <p>State awaiting CMS response on the SPA for Health Homes, which is also aligned with supportive services in new housing opportunities.</p> |
| Florida             | <p>Pilot Program in 5 Central Florida Counties</p> <p>Services include Pre-Tenancy (called Transitional Housing Services), Tenancy Sustaining Services and Mobile Crisis Management and Peer Support.</p> | 1115 Waiver amendment | <p>21 and Older</p> <p>Significant Behavioral Health needs including SMI and SUD.</p> <p>Homeless or at risk of Homelessness.</p> <p>Noted as a pilot program, Program cap is noted as "42,500 member months".</p> | Waiver Amendment approved, FL negotiating Special Terms and Conditions with CMS.   |
| Hawaii              | Waiver amendment focused on services to increase supportive housing capacity for the state.   | 1115 waiver           | Behavioral Health, physical illness or a substance use diagnosis AND Persons experiencing chronic homelessness.  | <p>Waiver amendment submitted to CMS 9/2017.</p> <p><a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/hi/hi-quest-expanded-pa.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/hi/hi-quest-expanded-pa.pdf</a></p>    |

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| Illinois   | <p>Waiver focused on Behavioral Health Transformation.</p> <p>Services include Pre-tenancy services, move in services. Security Deposits not noted.</p>   | 1115 Waiver        | Significant or HIGH Behavioral Health needs and Homeless or at risk of Homelessness.  |   |
| Indiana    | <p>Waiver focused on Market Driven Health Reforms</p> <p>Significant cost sharing requirements.</p> <p>Can be provided by “Qualified Providers” and move the network beyond Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs)</p> | 1115 Waiver        | <p>Medicaid Beneficiaries with SUD treatment needs</p> <p>Persons eligible for “Addiction Recovery Management Services”</p>   | <p>A component of the Healthy Indiana Plan extension</p> <p>State working on benefit implementation. Benefit to be managed MCEs</p> <p><a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/in/in-healthy-indiana-plan-support-20-pa4.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/in/in-healthy-indiana-plan-support-20-pa4.pdf</a></p>                    |
| Maryland   | Use Medicaid for Tenancy Support Services per 6/26/15 IB  | 1115 Waiver        | <p>Persons who are either transitioning to the community from an institution or at high risk of institutional placement; In a Nursing Home for at least 60 days</p> <p>Capped at 300 people</p> | <p>Approved by CMS.</p> <p><a href="https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/HealthChoice-Community-Health-Pilots.aspx">https://mmcp.health.maryland.gov/Pages/HealthChoice-Community-Health-Pilots.aspx</a></p> <p>MD has RFPed out to counties. Counties must provider 50% of services funding and aligned housing.</p> <p>Persons served will need to be determined eligible for Home and Community Based Waiver Services and ready to leave nursing home.</p> |

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| Massachusetts | <p>Medicaid funds used for tenancy support services, billed monthly on a per diem rate</p> <p>Project is called CSPECH or Community Support Program for people Experiencing Chronical Homelessness,</p> <p>Pays supportive housing providers to deliver housing based case management (\$17 per day, per person)</p> <p>Provider must house the member within 60 days.</p> | 1115 Waiver through ACOs | <p>Members who are chronically homeless or high utilizers of homeless and health services</p> <p>Initial cap of 50 with two providers, being expanded to state wide population</p> | <p>Expanded through Pay For Success Model</p> <p>CSH Provider Profile at <a href="http://www.csh.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CSPECH-Provider-Profile-FINAL-2016.pdf">http://www.csh.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/CSPECH-Provider-Profile-FINAL-2016.pdf</a></p> <p>Outcomes report at <a href="http://bluecrossmafoundation.org/publication/estimating-cost-reductions-associated-community-support-program-people-experiencing">http://bluecrossmafoundation.org/publication/estimating-cost-reductions-associated-community-support-program-people-experiencing</a></p> |
| Michigan      | Waiver focused on Behavioral Health Transformation and consolidation of waivers for the Intellectually Disabled population   | 1115 waiver              | Benefit targeted for individuals with chronic homelessness and high utilizing populations within the Specialty Behavioral Health Service System                                    | <p>In Negotiations with CMS</p> <p>CSH working with the state on a Crosswalk and Business Plan</p> <p>Plan is for the benefit to be managed through the Regional Behavioral Health authorities.</p> <p><a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/mi/mi-pathway-integration-pa.pdf">https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/mi/mi-pathway-integration-pa.pdf</a></p>   |

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| New Jersey   | Use Medicaid for Tenancy Support Services per 6/26/15 IB   | 1115 Waiver          | Health Care super utilizers.   | <p>NJ was a first round IAP state.</p> <p>Waiver approved by CMS. State negotiating Special Terms and Conditions.</p>  |
| Rhode Island | <p>Part of the Governor's Reinventing Medicaid Initiative to improve coordination and decrease costs in Medicaid.</p> <p>Requesting support for Home Stabilization Services</p> <p>Shifting current Supportive Housing Services funding from grant and McKinney to Medicaid.</p> <p>In some cases using Community Mental Health Centers as Administrative Services Organizations (ASO) for Supportive Housing Providers.</p> | 1115 Medicaid Waiver | <p>Focus on chronically homeless population. Used a SAMHSA CABHI grant as start up for the project. Also includes elderly transitioning from Nursing Homes and Youth transitioning from Foster Care.</p> <p>Shifting from FFS to an MCO model.</p> <p>Payment mechanism is a per diem model.</p> <p>Some case management but a focus on Peer Recovery Models</p> <p>Services are for 24 months only and include Housing Search services.</p> | <p>State has completed Home Stabilization Services Certification Standards. Standards are at <a href="http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/ReinventMedicaid/HomeStabilizationCertStds042816.pdf">http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Portals/0/Uploads/Documents/ReinventMedicaid/HomeStabilizationCertStds042816.pdf</a></p> <p>Submitted to CMS 11/15/16; Delays due to change in administration. In negotiations with CMS.</p> |

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| Washington State | Have Medicaid fund Pre-Tenancy, Tenancy Sustaining Services and , Supportive Employment | 1115 Waiver        | <p>WA Health Authority projected need at 4,000 eligible persons across the state.</p> <p>Persons who are currently homeless are eligible as engaged for supportive housing. Providers cannot use the benefit for current residents.</p> | Negotiating STC with CMS. CMS raising concerns regarding the Chronic Homeless definition and wanting a stronger health care transformation focus. |