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Serious Mental Illness (SMI)

1115 Waiver Demonstration

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Overview of 1115 Demonstration

- Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- 1115 Waiver Project Number 11-W-00371/4
- Demonstration authorizes Federal Financial Participation for services provided to Medicaid recipients:
 - During short term stays for acute care
 - In psychiatric hospitals that qualify as institutions for mental diseases (IMDs) in Baldwin and Mobile counties
 - For Medicaid-eligible individuals ages 21-64 diagnosed with SMI
- Reimbursement limited to services provided to individuals in IMDs located in these two counties based on the state's assessment of its need
- Medicaid enrollees in need of inpatient behavioral health services eligible to access services via the IMDs participating in the demonstration, regardless of their county of residence

Goals during the demonstration period

The State seeks to:

- Reduce utilization and lengths of stay in emergency departments among Medicaid beneficiaries with SMI while awaiting mental health treatment in specialized settings
- Reduce preventable readmissions to acute care hospitals and residential settings
- Improve availability of crisis stabilization services, including services made available through call centers and mobile crisis units, intensive outpatient services, as well as services provided during acute short-term stays in residential crisis stabilization programs, psychiatric hospitals, and residential treatment settings throughout the state; participating counties
- Improve access to community-based services to address the chronic mental health care needs of beneficiaries with SMI, including through increased integration of primary and behavioral health care
- Improve care coordination, especially progression of care in the community following episodes of acute care in hospitals and residential treatment facilities

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