

1115 Medicaid Redesign Team Waiver: Extension Request

Informational Webinar

Agenda

- Background: Waiver Renewal Activities to Date
- Overview: Current 1115 Extension Request and Approach
- Potential Future Amendments
- Next Steps
- Questions



Background: Waiver Activities to Date

 New York State submits a 4-year DSRIP extension and waiver renewal request to CMS

November 2019

February 2020

 CMS declines to negotiate DSRIP extension and renewal request CMS denies the State's administrative extension request, which was necessitated by COVID-19

May 2020

June 2020 - Present

 New York State develops 3-year extension proposal to preserve 1115 waiver authorities



Overview: Current Extension Proposal and Approach (1 of 2)

Three components:

- 1. A three-year extension of the existing special terms and conditions ("STCs") and funding authorities under the current MRT Waiver;
- 2. The transition of the pharmacy benefit from MMMC plans to fee-for-service (i.e., the "Pharmacy Carveout"); and
- 3. The transition of the transportation benefit from MLTC plans to fee-for-service (i.e., the "Transportation Carveout").

Inclusion of the Transportation Carveout and Pharmacy Carveout aligns with Medicaid Redesign Team II (MRT II) recommendations and implementation dates.



Overview: Current Extension Proposal and Approach (2 of 2)

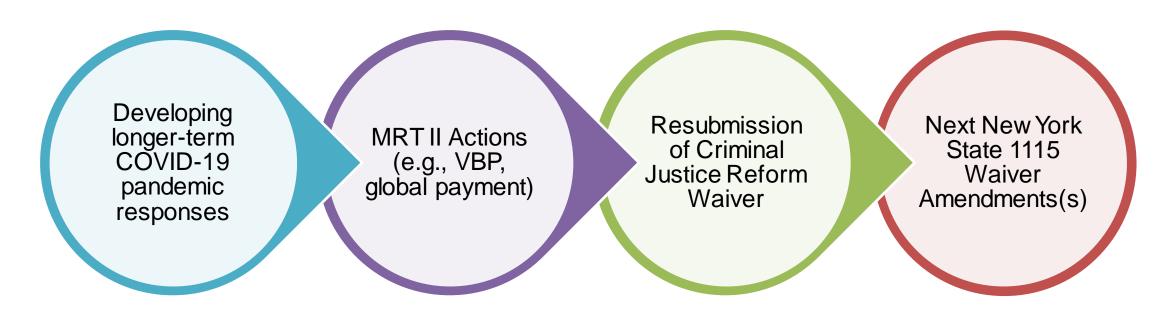
This approach **extends current programs and waiver authorities**, including Medicaid managed care, MLTC, HARP, Children's HCBS and other programmatic features in the State's current 1115 waiver.

Other reasons include:

- Preserves current waiver programs during the change in presidential administration and CMS leadership;
- Provides additional time to consider the longer-term impact of COVID-19 on New York's health care delivery system; and
- Allows pending and anticipated 1115 waiver amendments from the MRT II process—e.g., HCBS Behavioral Health Optimization, Duals Integration—to be reviewed and approved consistent with current implementation targets.

Potential Future Amendments

After this **extension proposal** is approved, New York may pursue other initiatives that require 1115 waiver authority, including:





Next Steps for the 1115 Extension Proposal

Public Comment Period Begins

• December 16, 2020

Virtual Public Hearings

- Jan 21, 2021, 1-4pm
- Jan 27, 2021, 1-4pm

Current Waiver Expires

• March 31, 2021

Waiver Extension Period

 April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2024

Target Submission – Early March 2021



Questions or Comments?

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1115 MRT Waiver Resources

1115 MRT Waiver Website

http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/medicaid_waiver_111 5.htm

MRT II Website

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/

Managed Care

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/managed_care/index.htm

Pharmacy Carveout

https://health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt2/pharmacy_carve_out/

Quality Strategy

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/docs/rev_quality_stra tegy_program_sept2015.pdf



