

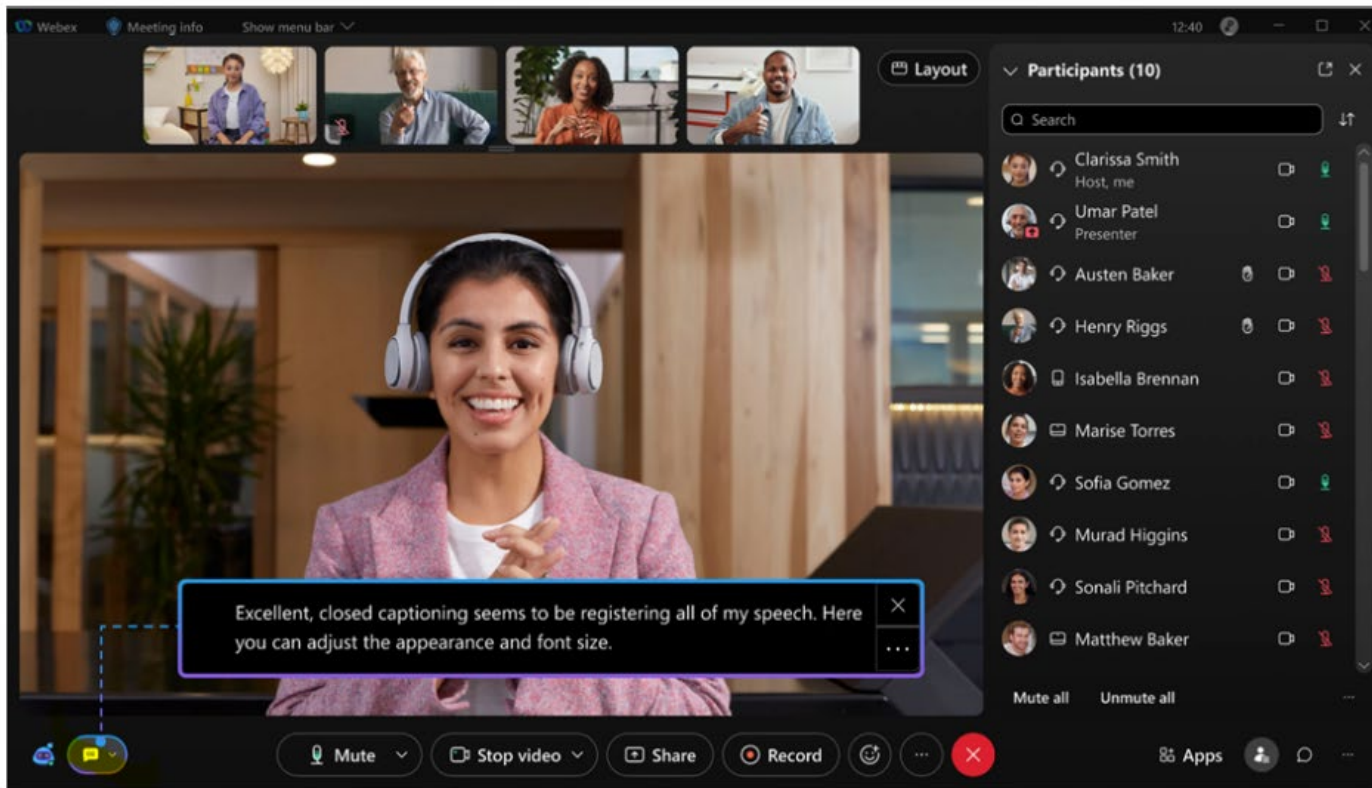


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1115 Medicaid Redesign Team Waiver: Annual Public Forum

September 2022

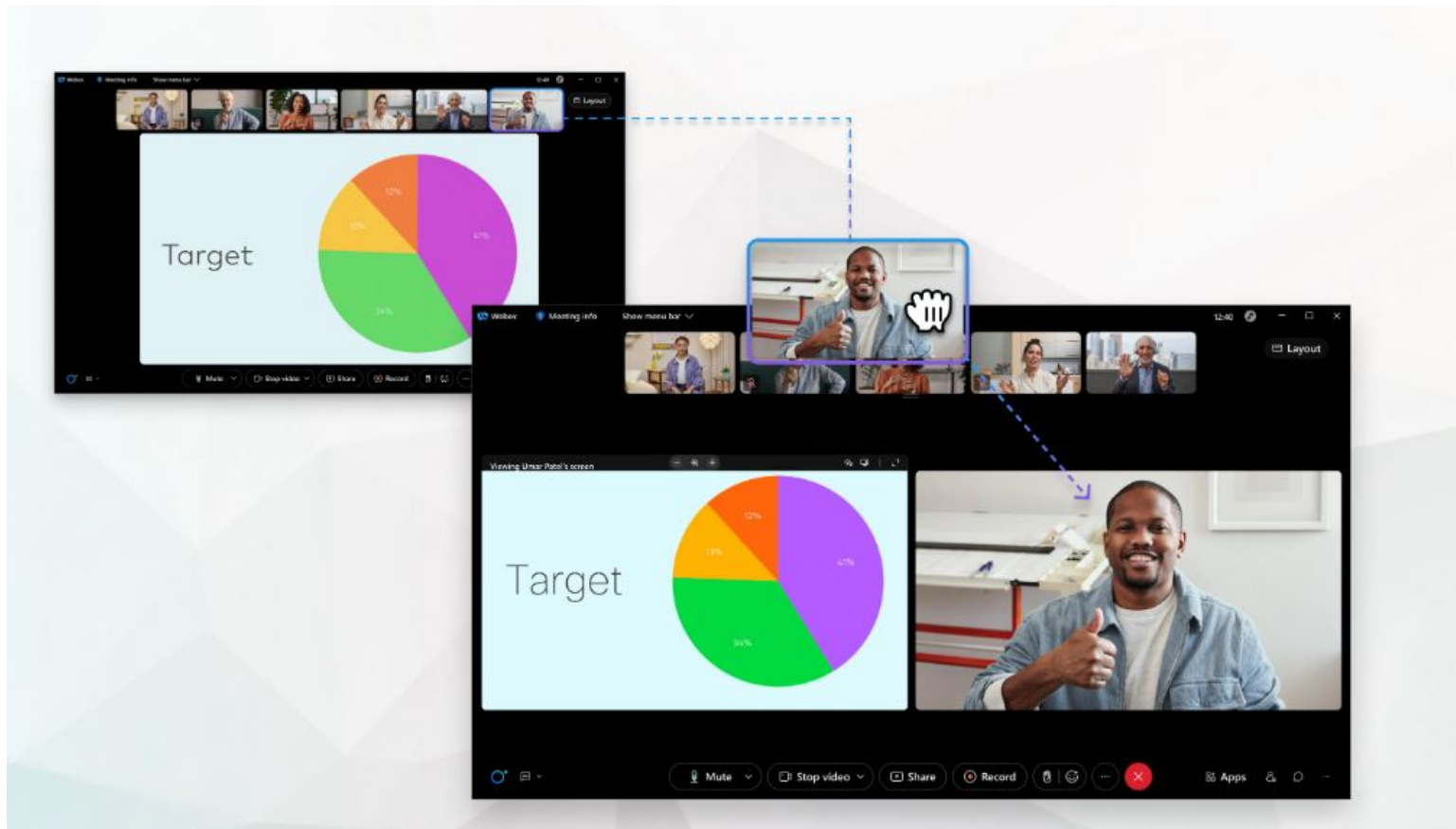
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Agenda


1115 MRT Waiver Public Forum

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- Public Comment

Special Virtual Public Forum Format

In compliance with social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19 and alignment with approved CMS exceptions to satisfy the public forum requirements in 42 CFR § 431.420(c), the State is holding a virtual (rather than in-person) public forum.

Purpose of today's public forum is to:

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1. Solicit comments on the progress of a demonstration project and
 2. Afford the public an opportunity to provide comments on the demonstration project.

A **recording** and **transcription** of this forum will be available on the MRT Waiver website 5-7 days after the forum. **Language translation** is available upon request.



1115 Demonstration Waiver Overview

- Section 1115 Demonstration Waivers grant flexibility to states for **innovative projects that advance the objectives of the Medicaid program.**
- **Authorized under Section 1115 of the Social Security Act, these waivers:**
 1. Give the Secretary of Health and Human Services the authority to waive certain provisions and regulations for Medicaid programs, and
 2. Allow Medicaid funds be used in ways that are not otherwise allowed (i.e., “matchable”) under federal rules.
- Typically, 1115 waivers are approved for 3-5 years, although recently CMS has approved some waivers for longer terms.



1115 Demonstration Waiver Overview

Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) outline the basis of an agreement between the State and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), including waiver and expenditure authorities.

-  STCs specify the State's obligation to CMS during the life of the demonstration, including general and financial reporting requirements and the timetable of State deliverables.
-  Quarterly and annual reports to CMS are required, and an Independent Evaluation is completed at the end of a Demonstration program.

Budget Neutrality: Federal Medicaid expenditures with the Waiver cannot be greater than federal expenditures without the Waiver during the course of the 1115 Demonstration Waiver.

New York State's 1115 Waiver

- The **NYS Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) Waiver** (formerly the Partnership Plan) has been in effect since 1997.
- New York's 1115 MRT Waiver was last renewed on April 1, 2022 and is effective through March 31, 2027.
- ***The goals of the MRT Waiver are as follows:***
 - ✓ Improve access to health care for the Medicaid population;
 - ✓ Improve the quality of health services delivered; and
 - ✓ Expand coverage to additional low-income New Yorkers with resources generated through managed care efficiencies.



1115 MRT Waiver Programs

The **1115 MRT Waiver** authorizes **Medicaid Managed Care** in New York.

- **Managed Care** refers to when a health insurance plan or health care system **coordinates the provision, quality and cost of care** for its enrolled members.

1115 Managed Care Programs include:

- Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care (MMMC)
- Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) and Institution to Community Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
- Home and Community Based Services (HCBS)
- Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs) and HIV Special Needs Plans (HIV SNP)

New York Health Equity Reform (NYHER) Amendment Update

New York State is seeking **\$13.52 billion over five years** to fund a new 1115 Waiver amendment that addresses health disparities and systemic health care delivery issues that have been both highlighted and intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic. **The central goal of the waiver is to reduce health disparities, advance health equity, and support the delivery of social care.**

NYS will work to achieve this goal through the following strategies:



1. Building a more resilient, flexible, and integrated delivery system that reduces health disparities, advances health equity, and supports the delivery of social care;



2. Developing and strengthening transitional housing services and alternatives for the homeless and long-term institutional populations;



3. Redesigning and strengthening system capabilities to improve quality, advance health equity, and address workforce shortages; and



4. Creating statewide digital health and telehealth infrastructure.

Timeline

Activity	Date
✓ Public Notice posted to State Register/Public Comment Period Begins	April 13, 2022
✓ Tribal Comment Period Begins	April 13, 2022
✓ Public Hearings 1 & 2	May 3, 2022 and May 10, 2022
✓ Public Comment Period Ends	May 20, 2022
✓ Tribal Comment Period Ends	May 20, 2022
✓ Formal Submission of Amendment Application to CMS	September 2, 2022
Federal Public Comment Period	September 19, 2022 – October 19, 2022
CMS & New York Negotiate Terms of Amendment	October – December 2022
Target Implementation Date	January 1, 2023

Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Amendment Overview

New York State is seeking to amend the 1115 Waiver to authorize:

- Federal funds for **short term IMD inpatient, residential, and other services** provided to Medicaid enrolled adults **with behavioral health diagnoses, including serious mental illness and substance use disorder.**
- Medicaid coverage for **in-reach services** including care management, clinical consultation, peer services, and pharmaceutical management **up to 30 days prior to discharge for individuals who have had long-term stays in a State Psychiatric Center.**

The **primary goals** will be transformation with a focus on:

- Reduction of inpatient and transitional residential lengths of stays;
- Community integration and maintenance with a focus on recovery; and
- Overall reduced costs of care.

The Department of Health will host two virtual public hearings on **October 26, 2022** and **October 31, 2022** during which the public may provide oral comments. Written comments may be submitted to 1115waivers@health.ny.gov by **November 4, 2022.**



Public Comment

Guidelines for Public Comments

- A list of the pre-registered commenters will indicate the order in which you will be called on to speak.
- A member of the DOH team will call your name and manually unmute your line to allow you to provide your comment.
- Comments will be timed, please limit your comment to five minutes.

Written comments will be accepted through **October 10, 2022**, by email at 1115waivers@health.ny.gov or by mail at:

Department of Health
Office of Health Insurance Programs
Waiver Management Unit
99 Washington Ave., 12th fl. (Suite 1208)
Albany, NY 12210



Questions or Comments?

**For further information,
please contact us at:
1115waivers@health.ny.gov**

1115 MRT Waiver Resources

1115 MRT Waiver Website

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/medicaid_waiver_1115.htm

NYHER Amendment Application

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/med_waiver_1115/docs/2022-09-02_final_amend_request.pdf

IMD Amendment Public Hearing Pre-Registration

Wednesday October 26, 2022, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

<https://meetny-events.webex.com/meetny-events/j.php?RGID=ra4ca24a1a9e2e60ef935eb4172291e33>

Monday October 31, 2022, 11:00am – 12:30pm

<https://meetny-events.webex.com/meetny-events/j.php?RGID=r6a567861b36b3235b79c08dbce775a52>



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