

Utah's Targeted Adult Expansion for Medicaid

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Targeted Expansion:

In 2016, Utah's Legislature created a targeted adult expansion for individuals from 0-5% of the Federal Poverty Level. The State estimated it would cover 5,000-7,000 adults in the targeted groups. The proposal identified three priority groups:

1. Chronically homeless
2. Involved in the justice system AND in need of substance use or mental health treatment
 - a. Completed drug treatment while in jail/prison
 - b. Drug court
3. Needing substance abuse or mental health treatment

The State also requested that Medicaid be allowed to pay for residential treatment for substance use disorders.

The State submitted its 1115 waiver amendment for this targeted expansion in August 2016. The prior federal administration failed to act on the waiver amendment.

The State is requesting that CMS approve this waiver amendment by October 31, 2017.

State Flexibility:

The current federal administration offered states additional flexibility regarding Medicaid. The State proposed a list of revisions to its 1115 waiver and conducted a 30-day public comment period on these flexibilities in June and July of 2017. The following chart outlines the flexibilities the State is requesting:

	Amendment Provisions	Parents (Current and New)	PCN	Targeted Adult Expansion
1	Enrollment Limits			Request
2	Limit Eligibility to 60 Months		Request	Request
3	Work Requirement		Request	Request
4	\$25 Copay for Nonemergency ER	Request		
5	No Presumptive Eligibility	Request		Request
6	Option to Change Targeted Eligibility through Admin Rule			Request
7	No Extra Benefits for 19-20 Year Olds			Request

The State plans to submit these flexibilities today (August 15, 2017) and requests CMS approval as soon as possible – ideally by December 31, 2017.