

Maine HIV/AIDS Demonstration

FACT SHEET

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration:	Maine HIV/AIDS Demonstration
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Date Proposal Submitted:	November 9, 1998
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SUMMARY

On October 30, 1998, Maine submitted a section 1115 proposal to provide a limited set of Medicaid benefits to individuals with HIV/AIDS who would not otherwise be eligible for Medicaid. The demonstration expands access to those without health insurance, allows individuals to become eligible for treatment through the demonstration without having to spenddown, and further allows individuals to be involved in gainful activity. This expansion population currently includes individuals with HIV/AIDS with a gross family income up to 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The demonstration provides more effective, early treatment of HIV disease by making available a limited but comprehensive package of services, including anti-retroviral therapies. The State believes that early treatment and case management services provided to individuals with HIV/AIDS reduces expensive hospitalizations and improves the quality of life for individuals who are able to enroll in the demonstration. Individuals enrolled in the demonstration are responsible for payment of monthly premiums and service co-payments. If necessary, the State will limit the number of individuals who enroll in the demonstration, and will adopt a waiting list function.

ELIGIBILITY

The Maine HIV/AIDS Demonstration provides a comprehensive set of services to those who are both HIV positive and at or below 250 percent of the FPL. The Demonstration expands access to those without health insurance and who are otherwise ineligible for MaineCare. Individuals with other insurance may be members of the benefit. Individuals who, through the course of the demonstration, become eligible for non-demonstration Medicaid will be enrolled in the non-demonstration Medicaid program.

Requirements to receive benefits under this demonstration are as follows:

- Positive HIV status
- Financially eligible
- Willingness to sign informed consent
- Understand requirements of the benefit
- Willingness to comply with treatment recommendations
- Complete information sheet relating to other insurance (TPL)
- Payment of premiums (if applicable)

BENEFIT PACKAGE

The benefit package of services includes:

- a) All medications covered by Medicaid;
- b) Physician services;
- c) Laboratory and x-ray;
- d) Case management services;
- e) Ambulance;
- e) Transportation (to covered services);
- f) Hospital services;
- g) Mental health and substance abuse services

COST-SHARING

There are co-payments of \$10 for physician office visits. Participants under age 21 are exempt from these co-payments. All other Medicaid co-payment rules apply. Individuals above 150% of FPL are required to pay premiums that are tiered based on income and rises 5% annually.

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is based on financial requirements including a spending cap. If enrollment reaches the ceiling, individuals will be placed on a waiting list. The Office of MaineCare Services (OMS) will work with CMS personnel prior to implementation of any changes if it is anticipated that the enrollment cap or FPL ceiling could be raised or lowered.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

Services for the demonstration are provided under a fee-for-service delivery model. All services require prior authorization and are ordered and prescribed by the physician. Participants will be permitted to choose among participating providers (agencies).

Individuals with other insurance may be members of this benefit. The Bureau of Medical Services may pay premiums/cost-sharing for this insurance according to current State Medicaid rules.

AMENDMENT

On August 16, 2002, the State submitted a request to the terms and conditions to allow providers to refuse service delivery to uninsured persons in the demonstration that do not pay the co-payment. This would affect the \$10 co-payment for physician services. This amendment request was approved on January 17, 2003.

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