



KENTUCKY CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Presentation to Severe Mental Illness Task Force

Serious Mental Illness (SMI)/ Serious Emotional Disability (SED)
Waiver Options

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SMI/SED Initiatives

- Research started in 2020
 - Different authorities (1915c, 1915i, and 1115 waivers)
 - Other states
- Hired dedicated lead
- Trainings and collaboration
- On-going conversations with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Related DMS SMI/SED Initiatives

- CMS recommendation to add the SMI/SED under the same authority as Kentucky's approved SUD 1115 waiver
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & the State Health and Value Strategies (SHVS) technical assistance
 - Kentucky was approved for 6 weeks
 - SHVS kick-off scheduled for October 20

Related DMS SMI/SED Initiatives

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC)

- Agencies required to be certified
- Provide comprehensive range of mental health, substance use disorder, and physical health services
- Available to any individual in need of care, including but not limited to people with SMI, SED, long-term chronic addiction, mild or moderate mental illness, substance use disorders, and complex health profiles
- Care for individuals regardless of ability to pay including those underserved, low income, insured/uninsured, on Medicaid, as well as active-duty military or veterans

Related DMS SMI/SED Initiatives

CMS Housing Collaborative

- One of the ten states selected to develop or expand innovative housing-related activities, supports and care coordination targeted to individuals with substance use disorders
- DMS and other Kentucky partners also looking at housing issues related to SMI and SED

Mobile Crisis Planning Grant

- DMS, in collaboration with Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), recently applied to CMS for a Mobile Crisis Planning Grant funded by the American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA)
- Grant awarded on September 18
- Opportunity to research enhancements and/or expansion of existing crisis services and explore one Kentucky Crisis Model for members with any behavioral health crisis.

Related DMS SMI/SED Initiatives

Home and Community Based Services Enhanced FMAP Request

- Conduct a feasibility study of the current waiver structure to include transformation or reconfiguration of the waivers including the possibility of an SMI/SED waiver to focus on supports of individuals with a serious mental illness and serious emotional disability including housing and employment supports

QUESTIONS?

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