

Public Comment Summary for the 1115 Demonstration Amendment #2

Comment Overview

The Human Services Department received comments from 4 entities related to its Draft 1115 Demonstration Amendment #2 (released on December 31, 2020) through multiple public comment opportunities that included public hearings, email submissions, and voicemail comments. All commenters expressed support for the proposals in the demonstration amendment.

Comment: One organization wrote a letter and expressed support and appreciation to the state's understanding of the shortage of primary medical care and psychiatric care in the state and our willingness to respond through innovative incentives for expanding primary care and psychiatric residency training. In addition, the entity made some language suggestions as well as feedback regarding funding.

HSD Response: HSD appreciates and acknowledges those efforts and the valuable input of these entities. In addition, HSD appreciates the commenters' support for the policy initiatives set forth in the demonstration amendment. Feedback will continue to be incorporated throughout the demonstration amendment process

Comment: One commenter expressed support for the 1115 waiver amendment and indicated coverage of high-fidelity wraparound will improve the quality of service available to people with behavioral health needs.

HSD Response: The Department appreciates the commenter's support.

Comment: One commenter is excited to see general psychiatry included in the Graduate Medical Education (GME) initiative.

HSD Response: The Department appreciates the commenter's support.

Comment: One commenter stated that having a GME in rural areas is a good idea because individuals tend to stay where they work during their residency, not where they went to medical school.

HSD Response: The Department appreciates the commenter's remark.