

# MassHealth 1115 Waiver Demonstration

## Public Listening Session

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## Massachusetts' Current 1115 Waiver

- 1115 demonstration waivers (“1115 waivers,” “1115 demonstrations”) provide **federal flexibility for state Medicaid programs to test innovations** that support the goals of the Medicaid program, including improving health care outcomes and reducing costs.
- MassHealth’s 1115 waiver has been in place since 1997 and must be renewed every 3-5 years.
- Under its current 1115 waiver, which expires in June 2022, MassHealth has:
  - **Implemented the most significant re-structuring of the program in two decades, shifting the delivery system toward value-based care** by enacting payment and delivery system reforms that promote integrated, coordinated care and hold providers accountable for the quality and total cost of care, supported by a **\$1.8 billion investment over 5 years** through the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program
  - **Contributed to near universal health care coverage for the Commonwealth** through MassHealth (e.g., CommonHealth, HIV- Family Assistance) and the Health Connector (ConnectorCare)
  - **Supported the Commonwealth’s safety net**, including the Health Safety Net and supplemental payments for safety net providers, to ensure continued access to care for Medicaid and low-income uninsured individuals
  - **Expanded access to Substance Use Disorder services**, including Clinical Stabilization Services, Residential Rehabilitation Services, Recovery Coaches and Recovery Support Navigators, building on a history of enhancing access to behavioral health services through the 1115 waiver



# Importance of the next 1115 waiver

**The next 1115 waiver renewal is crucial to ensure the success and sustainability of MassHealth's delivery system restructuring and to secure continued funding for the Commonwealth's safety net**

- While the Commonwealth has seen certain successes during the first phase of restructuring, **the next waiver will provide an opportunity to address remaining gaps and challenges towards fully achieving the goals of value-based care** to improve quality, integration, health outcomes and member experience
  - \$1.8 billion in DSRIP is expiring and cannot be renewed
- **Authorization for the Commonwealth's Safety Net Care Pool, which provides critical funding for safety net providers, is expiring**
  - The Safety Net Care Pool provides federal funding that supports **\$800 million per year in spending** for the Health Safety Net, Safety Net Hospital supplemental payments, behavioral health providers, DPH and DMH hospitals, and Connector-Care health insurance subsidies
  - **Scheduled Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) cuts** would substantially reduce safety net funding absent Congressional action
  - New federal approval is required for the **level and structure of safety net provider funding**

# The Commonwealth's Behavioral Health Roadmap



- The Executive Office of Health and Human Services is in the process of finalizing its **Behavioral Health Roadmap for Massachusetts**, based on extensive stakeholder feedback and interagency policy development
- The Roadmap will aim to create a system of behavioral health that ensures **equitable access**, promotes **early identification/intervention** and **evidence-based treatment**, and advances **integration** between mental health and addiction treatment and between behavioral health care *and* physical health care
- Many components of the Behavioral Health Roadmap will go into effect during the current waiver period (2021-22), while others will be incorporated into the new 1115 waiver proposal
- **The 1115 waiver stakeholder engagement process will include opportunities for input on how the new demonstration can build on and realize the goals of the Roadmap**

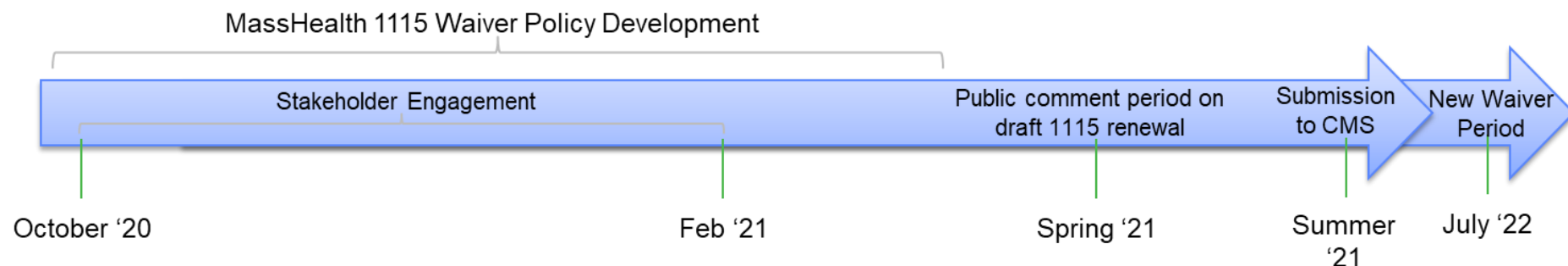


# Stakeholder Engagement Process

**MassHealth will engage a broad range of stakeholders to inform its strategy for the 1115 waiver renewal, including\*:**

- Public meetings to solicit broad public input
- Opportunities for interested stakeholders to share written feedback
- Convening stakeholder work groups to solicit focused input on specific areas (began meeting in October)
  - Strategic Design
  - Care Coordination
  - Primary Care Technical Advisory Group
- Releasing a draft 1115 waiver renewal request for public comment.
- In addition, MassHealth will engage stakeholders through its ongoing regular forums and public meetings

## Anticipated 1115 Waiver Renewal Timeline – *subject to change*





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## MassHealth has identified five preliminary goals for the next waiver:

1. **Continue the path of restructuring and re-affirm accountable, value-based care** – holding a high bar for how ACOs improve care and trend management, and refining the model
2. Make reforms and investments in **Primary Care, Behavioral Health and Pediatric Care** that expand access and move the delivery system away from siloed, fee-for-service health care
3. **Advance health equity**, with a focus on initiatives **addressing health-related social needs** and specific disparities, including **maternal health** and health care for **justice-involved** individuals
4. **Sustainably support the Commonwealth's safety net** – including level, predictable funding for safety net providers, with a continued linkage to accountable care
5. Simplify the **MassHealth delivery system for members and providers** by standardizing **behavioral health** networks and **pharmacy** formularies, and by simplifying and streamlining **care coordination**

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- What do you think are **key areas of progress to-date** for MassHealth under the current 1115 demonstration?
- What do you think are **key opportunities** MassHealth should consider for the design of the next 1115 demonstration?
- What feedback do you have on the over-arching **goals** for the next 1115 demonstration?

# Additional Opportunities for Input



Upcoming opportunities include...

- *Next Public Listening Session:* February 2021
- *Observe Waiver Work Groups:* <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/masshealth-section-1115-demonstration-renewal-stakeholder-work-groups>
- *Written input:* Email thoughts, comments, and suggestions to [MassHealth.Innovations@mass.gov](mailto:MassHealth.Innovations@mass.gov)
- *Waiver posted for public comment:* Anticipated spring 2021