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**1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation Quarterly Report (DY6, Q3)**

This report contains a summary of activity on the 1115 Waiver (SUD) Evaluation project from July 2023 – September 2023.

**Project Activities**

During the period defined in this report, Tulane continued regular monthly meetings with its entire research team and quarterly meetings with LDH to ensure consistent project coordination. The research team continued their work on the three sub-analyses: Cost, Quantitative, and Qualitative.

**July**

A quarterly meeting with LDH scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> was cancelled as there were no new agenda items that required a meeting. In lieu of a meeting, the following topics were discussed via email.

- LDH requested a proposed work plan for the Summative Evaluation report be submitted by July 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - o Guidance was provided on the submission dates of the first (1/9/24) and final (5/1/24) drafts.
- Status of the CEA for Years 6-10

The July meeting of the Tulane research team was held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- Workplan for the Summative Evaluation report
- Research assistants that will be working on the project
- Amending the IRB for the renewal period
- Status of CMS review of the renewal period Evaluation Design
- Status of the CEA for Years 6-10
  - o Moving the due date for the Results Report for Demonstration Year 6 and subsequent years.
- Requesting monthly data for Demonstration Year 5 from LDH and ULM

Tulane submitted the proposed work plan for the Summative Evaluation report on July 20th.

The August meeting of the Tulane research team was held on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- Updates to the workplan for the Summative Evaluation Report
- Proposal for calculating the monthly data for IET & FUA measures.
  - o Beginning with DY5, Tulane team will calculate the measures based on previous HEDIS specifications.
  - o Matching the formulas that ULM had used for previous years.
- DY5 measures in monthly format have been requested from LDH.
- Data collection for Qualitative analysis planned in October/November, pending IRB approval.
- Amending the IRB for the renewal period
- Status of the CMS review of the renewal period Evaluation Design.
- Status of the CEA for Years 6-10
  - o Revisions to the contract to defer the due date of Results Reports.
  - o LDH is routing the contract for review.

The September meeting of the Tulane research team was held on September 19<sup>th</sup>. The following topics were discussed:

- Presenting proposal to LDH for monthly data calculations of IET & FUA measures.
- LHD is expected to send the DY5 monthly measures by the end of September.
- Status of the CMS review of the renewal period Evaluation Design.
- Status of the CEA for Years 6-10
- Process for routing the IRB amendment for Tulane and LDH approval.
- Internal transfer of Medicaid data to new storage platform.
  - o Obtaining data tables that were lost in the transfer.
  - o Procedure for performing calculations in the new platform.
- Agenda items for quarterly meeting with LDH on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, the following items have been received from LDH:

OBH Letter of Support

Revised Summative Evaluation Work Plan

CEA approved by LDH Legal

### **Status of analysis by topic – September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

#### **Quantitative Analyses** (Lead Researcher: Dr. Kevin Callison)

- Work is continuing on the Quantitative Analyses through 2022 now that DY5 monthly metrics have been received from LDH. Work has started on calculating the IET & FUA metrics that were previously being calculated by ULM.

#### **Cost Analyses Report** (Lead Researcher: Dr. Charles Stoecker):

- Work has begun on the Cost Analyses through 2022. Input from the quantitative analyses is required to complete the analysis for DY5.

Care Coordination (Lead researcher: Dr. Janna Wisniewski):

- Work has begun on the Care Coordination Analyses through 2022. Data collected for DY6 is set to start as soon as IRB approval has been obtained.

### **DELIVERABLE STATUS**

Quarterly and Annual Reports: Quarterly reports have been submitted on deadline and have summarized the evaluation feedback process with LDH and CMS. This is the second quarterly report being submitted for DY6.

Data reports: The analyses results for Demonstration Year 5 will be incorporated into the Summative Evaluation Report for DYs 1-5.

### **USE OF FUNDS**

Funds have been used for this project to cover faculty and staff time to coordinate activity within Tulane and with LDH, and to develop reports and associated deliverables.

Respectfully submitted,



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