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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR SECTION 1115(a) RENEWAL OF HAWAII'S SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION (11- W-00001/9)

QUEST Integration Renewal Application

The State of Hawai'i, Department of Human Services (the State) is requesting approval from the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to renew and amend the "QUEST Integration" (Project Number 11-W-00001/9) demonstration under Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act for an additional five years. The State's existing Section 1115 Demonstration is approved through July 31, 2024, and this application will request approval of a five-year renewal beginning August 1, 2024 and continuing through July 31, 2029.

Pursuant to 42 CFR 431.408, Med-QUEST Division (MQD), Hawaii's Medicaid Agency, gives notice of the State's intent to file this Section 1115 Demonstration renewal and amendment. This abbreviated public notice, issued October 16, 2023, provides information on this demonstration, opportunities for public comment, and dates of public hearings.

The State is soliciting public comments on the draft Section 1115 Demonstration application from October 16, 2023 through November 16, 2023. For further details, please go to: <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/about/state-plan-1115.html#tabs-8ee927caf9-item-99d6f14a00>.

Demonstration Background, Objectives, and Renewal Request

Demonstration Background

Originally implemented as the QUEST program in 1994, QUEST Integration is the current version of Hawaii's Section 1115 Demonstration project to provide comprehensive benefits to its Medicaid enrollees through a competitive managed care delivery system. Since its implementation, CMS has renewed the QUEST demonstration six times. Over the years, the State has made significant changes to the demonstration.

The program was designed to increase access to health care and control the rate of annual increases in health care expenditures. It has also served as a mechanism for delivery system innovation, enabling Hawai'i to advance its policy goals and improve the health and well-being of Hawai'i residents.

Demonstration Objectives

This renewal introduces new strategies to execute on the same overarching objectives as the current demonstration. As such, the State's objectives are to:

- Improve health outcomes for Medicaid enrolled individuals covered under the demonstration;
- Maintain a managed care delivery system that leads to more appropriate utilization of the health care system and a slower rate of expenditure growth; and
- Address health determinants to improve health outcomes and lower healthcare costs.

Demonstration Renewal Request

Hawai'i is requesting a five-year renewal of most of the waiver and expenditure authorities contained in the QUEST Integration 2019 Section 1115 Demonstration and is proposing new authorities to enable the State to continue its whole-person approach to care. The proposed authorities reflect the State's commitment to identifying and addressing social drivers of health. In concert with this Section 1115 Demonstration amendment and renewal, the State will separately seek new or exercise existing authorities via the State Plan, Section 1915(c) Waiver, and managed care contracts to expand or modify certain benefits or eligibility criteria for select Medicaid beneficiaries. Together, these authorities will enable MQD to continue championing its mission of empowering Hawai'i residents to improve and sustain wellbeing.

Current authorities that will be renewed and may be amended include:

- QUEST Integration Mandatory Managed Care
- Behavioral Health
- Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS)
- Housing-Related Services through Community Integration Services (CIS)

New requests include federal matching funds related to:

- Continuous Eligibility for Children
- Pre-Release Services for Justice-Involved Individuals
- Nutritional Supports
- Native Hawaiian Traditional Healing Practices
- Contingency Management
- Infrastructure Funding
- Designated State Health Programs (DSHP)

For further details on the renewal request descriptions, goals, and objectives, please refer to the full public notice, the draft Section 1115 Demonstration Renewal application, and other relevant documents located at: <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/about/state-plan-1115.html#tabs-8ee927caf9-item-99d6f14a00>.

Public Comment Period

Public Hearings

In concert with 42 C.F.R. 431.408(a)(3), the State will hold two public hearings to solicit public input and comment about the demonstration renewal application. Interested parties are

invited to join the public forum and to state their views regarding progress on the Section 1115 Demonstration. Attendees may participate in the meetings in-person or via teleconference.

Registration is required to participate. If you plan to attend in person, please RSVP your attendance by calling 808-692-8058 or emailing PPDO@dhs.hawaii.gov. If you plan to attend via teleconference, you must register for the meeting using the links listed below—participants will receive a confirmation email containing login information needed to join the meeting virtually.

- **Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 6:00PM HST**
 - *(In-Person)* Kakuhihewa Building, Conference Rooms 111 A&B, 601 Kamokila Boulevard, Kapolei HI 96707
 - *(Teleconference)* https://medquest-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqd-Gspz0vGNOASTxnl_u1k9bo8QOXTkX-
 - Note: If you need auxiliary aid/service or other accommodation due to disability or limited English proficiency, please contact: the Med-QUEST Division at (808) 692-8151 (voice); or 711 (TTY) or by email at MHACcomments@dhs.hawaii.gov by 4:00 pm on Monday, October 16, 2023. Requests made early have a greater chance of being fulfilled due to a limited number of communication access providers.

- **Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00PM HST**
 - *(In-Person)* Queen Lili’uokalani Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1390 Miller Street, Honolulu, HI 96813
 - *(Teleconference)* https://medquest-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwtd-opj8jGdHX86gdWXGW_WwoMgqblIha
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Public Comment

The State invites the public to comment on the draft Section 1115 Demonstration renewal application, which is available online at <https://medquest.hawaii.gov/en/about/state-plan-1115.html#tabs-8ee927caf9-item-99d6f14a00>.

A printed copy of the proposed changes and special accommodations (e.g., interpreter, large print or taped materials, etc.) can be arranged if requested by contacting the Policy and Program Development Office at (808) 692-8058 or via email at PPDO@dhs.hawaii.gov no later than seven (7) working days before the comment period ends.

Written comments may be submitted by email to PPDO@dhs.hawaii.gov using “Section 1115 Demonstration Feedback” in the subject line, or mailed to Med-QUEST Division, Attn: PPDO, P.O. Box 700190, Kapolei, HI, 96709. Comments for the Quest Integration Section 1115 Demonstration Project must be received by **November 16, 2023**.

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