Substance use disorder waiver

CMS granted approval for UniCare Health Plan of West Virginia, Inc. (UniCare) to use the 1115 Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Waiver in October 2017.

UniCare uses the 1115 SUD Waiver to develop and implement a continuum of SUD treatment benefits to address the immediate physical, mental and social needs of substance-using individuals and to promote and sustain long-term recovery.

The 1115 SUD Waiver was implemented in two phases:

- Phase one began January 14, 2018:
  - Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)
  - Opioid treatment programs (OTP)
  - Naloxone initiative (including administration of medication and a warm handoff to SUD treatment)
- Phase two began July 1, 2018:
  - Residential adult services (RAS)
  - Withdrawal management (WM)
  - Peer recovery support specialist (PRSS) services

All UniCare members, whether they were fee-for-service (FFS) or in a managed care organization (MCO), can receive SUD waiver services.

All SUD waiver services are currently billed as FFS:*

- KEPRO is the FFS utilization manager.
- DXC Technology is the FFS fiscal agent.

* Please note: Most services will transition to the MCOs on July 1, 2019. However, OTP services will remain FFS.

For more information, review Chapter 504, “Substance Use Disorder Services” of the *West Virginia Medicaid Provider Manual*, available at [https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/Manuals.aspx](https://dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Pages/Manuals.aspx).