

Is Your Medicaid Managed Care Waiver About to Expire?

With all that's going on, looming 1915(b) end dates may not be on the radar.

Most states deliver Medicaid services through managed care. Programs vary, from California, which launched its first managed care program in 1983, to Illinois, which started making its move in 2011. All such programs require approval from CMS, often through a 1915(b) waiver, a number of which will expire on or before June 30, 2019.

Unlike Section 1915(a) waivers, which allow voluntary enrollment, 1915(b) waivers let states require members, either statewide or in specific geographic areas, to enroll in managed care. Subtypes of 1915(b) allow further customization:

- (b1) specified populations must enroll in managed care
- (b2) state may act as a centralized enrollment broker
- (b3) state can provide additional health-related services, often mental health
- (b4) states can choose providers

Each 1915(b) waiver adds stipulations that can directly impact the types of services or providers that Medicaid beneficiaries can access. For instance, [North Carolina's program](#) sets quality criteria for providers and uses cost savings from managed care to support additional services.

1915(b) waivers expiring before July 1, 2019 ¹			
State	Waiver Authority	Program Name	Expiring
DE	1915 b4	Pathways to Employment	6/30/2019
FL	1915 b4	Florida NEMT	1/31/2019
IL	1915 b4	IL MLTSS Waiver	5/31/2019
IN	1915 b4	Adult Mental Health Habilitation & Behavioral & Primary Healthcare Coordination Services	9/30/2018
IN	1915 b1, b4	Hoosier Care Connect	6/30/2019
IN	1915 b4	Medicaid Rehabilitation Option	5/31/2019
KY	1915 b1, b4	Kentucky HSTD (NEMT)	6/30/2018
MD	1915 b4	MD Community First Choice	12/31/2018
MI	1915 b1, b4	MI Choice	9/30/2018
MN	1915 b4	Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund	6/30/2018
MO	1915 b1, b2, b4	Missouri Healthnet	6/30/2018
MT	1915 b1, b2, b4	Montana Passport to Health	3/31/2019
NC	1915 b1, b3, b4	Cardinal Innovations	7/31/2018
NE	1915 b1, b2, b3, b4	Nebraska Medicaid Managed Care Program	6/30/2019
OH	1915 b1	Ohio's Integrated Care Delivery System Demonstration	3/31/2019
OR	1915 b4	APD Case Management Freedom of Choice Waiver	6/30/2018
OR	1915 b4	Comprehensive DD Waiver	6/30/2018
TX	1915 b1, b4	Texas Medicaid Wellness Program	3/31/2018
UT	1915 b1, b2	Utah Choice of Dental Care Delivery Program	8/31/2018
VA	1915 b1, b4	Medallion 3.0	6/30/2019
WV	1915 b1, b2, b4	West Virginia Mountain Health Trust	6/30/2019
WY	1915 b1, b3, b4	Wyoming Medicaid's Youth Initiative	6/30/2019

With states moving to health homes, which emphasize care coordination, it's important to understand what your state's program looks like, so you can [provide feedback](#) on whether it should be renewed as is, amended, or denied renewal. Learn more from our [Medicaid flexibility](#) series.

Source: 1. <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/index.html>