

HCBS/CONNIE ARPA Program Executive Summary

Overview:	<p>The Medicaid Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Waiver program is implementing a 3-year initiative to track outcomes for a value-based care model. The initiative will provide community Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS) organizations funding to connect to Connecticut’s state-wide health information exchange (HIE), Connie.</p> <p>Purpose: To leverage Connecticut’s HIE to better provide whole-person care to improve Medicaid client health outcomes.</p>	
Expectations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In year one, LTSS organizations interested in participating will execute data sharing agreements with Connie by February 1, 2022. • In year two, DSS will develop an integrated use case and metric to demonstrate the impact of whole person care. LTSS organizations interested in continuing to participate will be required to connect to Connie to enable data sharing. • In year three, LTSS providers will need to actively utilize Connie for point of care and care coordination. The final year of the project will focus on improving utilization and gathering both utilization rate data as well as outcomes data. 	
Requirements:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To participate, LTSS organizations will be required to sign a Simple Data Sharing Organization Agreement (SDSOA) with Connie. A sample agreement is available for review. • The formal agreement will be provided through DocuSign once the LTSS organization has submitted their Interest in Connecting form. 	
Proposed Benefit(s):	<p>The HCBS/CONNIE ARPA Program will enable LTSS organizations to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive funding to support connecting to Connie. • Access and share clinical information across all healthcare settings. • Leverage data to improve care coordination with other healthcare providers. • Reduce preventable costs. • Improve patient care, health and wellbeing for people we serve. 	
Partners:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connie, Connecticut’s state-wide Health Information Exchange • ~500 Long-Term Service and support Organizations • The over 150 healthcare organizations currently connected to Connie, including but not limited to Yale New Haven Health, Hartford Healthcare, UCONN Health, Bristol Health, and ProHealth 	
More Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connie, Connecticut’s HIE • HCBS ARPA Investment Overview 	
Key Actions Planned:	November 30, 2021	LTSS organizations supervisors and managers enrolled in the Trauma Informed Care Racial Equity Lens Initiative.
	December 7, 2021	Initiative informational webinar. register here
	December 9, 2021	Initiative informational webinar (repeated). register here
	December 15, 2021	Self-paced HCBS ARPA Racial Equity Training begins.
	December 17, 2021	Collect Interest in Connecting form [Insert link] from LTSS.
	February 1, 2022	Data Sharing Agreement submitted.
	February 1, 2022	Determine data sharing capacity building needs of participants.
	February 1, 2022	Last day for supervisors and managers to complete Self-paced HCBS ARPA Racial Equity Training.
	March 1, 2022	Define data sharing use case and initiative measures.
	March 1, 2022	LTSS organizations employees enrolled in the Trauma Informed Care Racial Equity Lens Initiative.
	April 1, 2022	Provide data sharing expectations for year 2 participation.
	May 1, 2022	Begin connecting LTSS participants for data sharing.
	February 1, 2023	All LTSS organizations interested in continuing to participate are connected to Connie and able to access the appropriate data defined in the use case.
	February 1, 2023 through 2024	Monthly data collection on LTSS organization utilization rates and to be defined outcome measures.