

Community Violence Prevention Program

October 27, 2022

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Current Statute Public Act 21-36

(b) (1) On or before July 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Social Services, shall amend the Medicaid state plan to make community violence prevention services available, to the extent permitted by federal law, to any Medicaid beneficiary who has: (A) Received medical treatment for an injury sustained as a result of an act of community violence, and (B) been referred by a certified or licensed health care provider or social services provider to receive community violence prevention services from a certified violence prevention professional, after such provider determines such beneficiary to be at elevated risk of a violent injury or retaliation resulting from another act of community violence.

Current Requirements for Participation in the Program

Member Requirements	Provider Requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received medical/BH treatment for an injury sustained as a result of an act of community violence• Been referred by a licensed health care practitioner after such practitioner determines the member to be at elevated risk of violent injury or retaliation from an act of community violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs employ certified Violence Prevention Professionals (VPPs)• Programs will complete an attestation that includes additional provider qualifications including:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least 12 months of experience providing services in CT• Staff includes at least one supervisor who is a certified VPP with at least three years of experience, and supervises provision of services with provider• Affiliation with at least one trauma level I or II licensed short-term general hospital or children's general hospital

DSS Program Update

- DSS solicited feedback from our community partners and is finalizing responses in the form of a public comment letter.
- At this point, we have one provider enrolled in the program – Hartford Communities that Care.
- DSS has also finalized the State Plan Amendment (SPA) for the program and has submitted to CMS.
 - Ongoing discussion with CMS awaiting further direction
- The next milestone for the program from DSS' perspective is conducting an evaluation.
 - The evaluation will culminate into a report that DSS will draft on the status of the program with pre-determined evaluation metrics.

Evaluation of the Program

DSS will conduct an evaluation of the program that will focus on the following descriptive metrics.

Provider Focus	Member Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The # of providers enrolled• Utilization by provider• Qualitative feedback from providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The # of members who have received the services<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Including new vs. returning members• Utilization at the geographic and demographic level (race, ethnicity, zip code)

- ★ DSS is interested in a more extensive evaluation and is exploring opportunities for funding and support

Plan for Developing Evaluation

- DSS has started engaging in ongoing conversations with the Connecticut Health Network of CT (CHNCT), the state's Medical Administrative services organization (ASO) to construct a descriptive analysis using the data that is available to DSS
 - CHN is going to develop a dashboard that will pull both provider and member level detail as explained on the previous slide.
 - DSS is also going to work with CHN in developing a process to scan previous data that will highlight whether members who are receiving services have received similar violence-related services previously.
 - Based on the dashboard and data provided by CHN, DSS will draft a report that summarizes the outcomes of the program thus far.
- Will use the analysis to identify potential opportunities for data-driven expansion in the future.