



## **1115 Waiver for Behavioral Health**

### **Purpose of the Demonstration**

To provide early intervention, treatment and community support services to Missourians ages 19-35 who are identified through a behavioral health crisis, via Governor Nixon's Strengthening Missouri's Mental Health Initiative entry points:

- Community Mental Health Liaison (CMHL) referrals from law enforcement officers and the judicial system, or
- Emergency Room Enhancement (ERE) referrals for diversion of individuals who present to one of the over sixty hospital emergency rooms and health centers in seven regions across the state.

Language for this demonstration was added to the budget for the Department last year.

### **Waiver Eligibility Criteria**

- Individuals in crisis ages 19-35 who are referred by a CMHL or by an ERE program, and
- Whose income does not exceed 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and
- Are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid under the State's current eligibility criteria, and
- Are determined to have a serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious substance use disorder (SUD), as defined by DMH

### **Benefit Packages**

- Targeted benefit package for physical health services
- Targeted benefit package for behavioral health services

### **Budget Neutrality**

The State has engaged an actuarial firm to assist in developing the budget neutrality model for the 1115 Waiver. The budget neutrality model is a disability diversion model that seeks to provide critical services early in the illness to allow individuals to seek education and employment and to ultimately avoid long-term Medicaid disability.