

This document serves as a template for Monitoring Leads to summarize and capture key content of section 1115 Demonstration Monitoring Reports (MRs) submitted by states for approved section 1115 Demonstrations on quarterly and annual basis. For additional guidance, please refer to Section 1115 Monitoring Report Review Guide.pdf.

**Instructions:** During your review of an 1115 quarterly/annual monitoring report, consider the following:

(1) Engage the internal demonstration team in reviewing monitoring reports (especially for the first one or two reports submitted).

(2) Discuss with the PO and others (where applicable) any issues or "high risk" areas identified during the initial review and approval of the 1115 demonstration or through previous monitoring reports (e.g. potential beneficiary access to care issues, financing arrangements, "grandfathered" IMD authority). This information will assist in identifying any issues that need to be monitored closely; documented in summary report; and/or entered into the Issue Register.

(3) If the data provided in the report is unstructured, please work with your internal demonstration team to assess and ensure that any significant changes to enrollment, eligibility, grievances, appeals, and denial of services are identified and captured in the summary template.

(4) If a Demonstration has different policy areas, clarify applicability of reported information (i.e. if information is applicable to the entire Demonstration or only a portion of the Demonstration, such as SUD, managed care, etc.).

(5) If the MR does not include information for any of the elements below, state "Not included in MR" under the "Summary of Information" column below. Identify whether that particular element was a required MR element in the Demonstration Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) and include that information in the summary column.

(6) For demonstration deliverables that include home and community-based (HCBS) and/or managed care authority, ensure that the DHCBSO and/or DCMO SME enters feedback in the sections at the end of the template.

#### Complete the following fields:

| Monitoring Report Information | Summary of Information                             |
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| State and Demonstration Name  | Alabama Medicaid Agency – Community Waiver Program |
| Monitoring Lead reviewing MR  | Rita E. Nimmons                                    |

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| MR Time Period (please specify<br>quarterly vs. annual report and time<br>period covered by MR)  | Quarterly Report – January 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2022<br>(DY1Q2)  |
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| Did the State submit the MR timely?<br>If not, please note length of delay<br>and reasons for delay (if known)   | State submitted Quarterly Report on 5/31/2022; due date was 5/30/2022  |
| Please specify if there are any<br>required elements missing in the MR<br>per STCs   | None missing   |
| If this is an annual report, please<br>review the list of required content in<br>footnote 1 of the <u>Monitoring Report</u><br><u>Review Guide</u> . Determine if any<br>required content is missing,<br>including the summary of the annual<br>forum. |  |
| Summary of key accomplishments<br>and activities during reporting<br>period  | Alabama Department of Mental Health Division of<br>Developmental Disabilities (ADMH/DDD) increased<br>enrollment; reported enrollee success stories for three (3)<br>individuals who were referred to the CWP as emergencies;<br>developed a CWP Master Operational Guidelines Manual;<br>developed and introduced a comprehensive "Tips Tool" for<br>Support Coordinators to guide their work in developing<br>robust person-centered assessments and plans; offered State<br>dollars for start-up/bridge funding to support providers in<br>recruiting, hiring and/or retaining staff; worked closely with<br>The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) to finalize the<br>ongoing credentialing and continuous quality improvement<br>process for the CWP provider network; and put in place<br>Support Coordination staff for all eleven (11) CWP counties<br>with only three (3) vacancies as of<br>March 31, 2022. |



| Enrollment numbers for MR period       | ADMH/DDD enrolled twenty-four (24) additional individuals    |
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| En onment numbers for wik period       | during the second quarter.                                   |
| Enrollment numbers for past MR         | For the first Quarter (the first year of operation), ADMH    |
| period (for quarterly MR please        | enrolled 35 individuals into CWP services as of 12/31/2021,  |
| refer to previous quarter; for annual  | bringing the total number of enrollments into CWP services   |
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| MR please refer to previous year)      | to fifty-nine (59) since implementation on November 1, 2021  |
| Did the state provide                  | Actual enrollments into the CWP did not meet the anticipated |
| context/explanation for enrollment     | pace of number of enrollments of one hundred (100) for Q2.   |
| increases or decreases? If yes, please | There were challenges with missing eligibility information   |
| provide detail here. If no, please     | were the predominant reason for the lower than anticipated   |
| consider whether to include as a       | enrollments. Only 42% of the individuals identified for      |
| discussion item in an upcoming         | enrollment from the waiting list had up-to-date eligibility  |
| monitoring call.                       | information needed to enroll.                                |
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| For eligibility and coverage           | N/A  |
| demonstrations, please enter           |  |
| disenrollment numbers for report       |  |
| period.                                |  |
| Did the state provide                  | There were no complaints or grievances received during this  |
| context/explanation for increases or   | reporting period. Therefore, no context/explanation for      |
| decreases in grievances? If yes,       | Increases or decreases in grievances applicable.             |
| please provide detail here. If no,     |  |
| please consider whether to include     |  |
| as a discussion item in an upcoming    |  |
| monitoring call agenda.                |  |
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| Did the state provide                  | There were no complaints or grievances received during this  |
| context/explanation for increases or   | reporting period, therefore no appeals.                      |
| decreases in appeals? If yes, please   |  |
| provide detail here. If no, please     |  |
| consider whether to include as a       |  |
| discussion item in an upcoming         |  |
| monitoring call agenda.                |  |
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| Did the state provide                  | There was no increase or decrease in denial of services      |
| context/explanation regarding          | reported in Q2.  |
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| increases or decreases in denial of<br>services? If yes, please provide<br>detail here. If no, please consider<br>whether to include as a discussion<br>item in an upcoming monitoring call<br>agenda.   |   |
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| Did number of providers for MR<br>period increase or decrease<br>significantly from the previous MR<br>period? If yes, please enter reason if<br>identified in report. If no reason<br>provided, please review with state<br>in an upcoming Monitoring Call. | No new providers were enrolled in Q2.   |
| Operational, implementation and  | There were enrollment challenges; Financial Management  |
| beneficiary Issues identified in MR  | Services Agency (FMSA) Readiness including the designation  |
| (Note: Discuss with team and   | of billing codes for new self-directed services, information  |
| determine whether these should be  | system limitations, and engagement around Modular   |
| entered in <u>Monitoring Issue</u>   | Electronic Visit Verification (MEVV) readiness requirements;  |
| Register)  | challenges ensuring its case management records and claims<br>billing system, ADIDIS, works effectively to support the CWP;<br>hiring of key positions to support the CWP; Provider<br>Understanding of Expectations for Timely Service Initiation;<br>Obtaining Necessary Background Checks; Direct Service<br>Workforce Shortage; and misunderstandings among some<br>providers who were not clear on training requirements that<br>were necessary prior to service initiation. |
| Any notable policy, operational and  | To ensure providers can more readily provide Direct Support   |
| implementation updates or changes  | Professionals (DSPs) to start delivering CWP services, pre-   |
| included in MR   | service training requirements were assessed, and a policy   |
|  | change was implemented to reduce the amount of training<br>that must be completed prior to beginning DSP service of<br>CWP participants.  |

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| Were there any evaluation updates  | Key evaluation activities this guarter have included:   |
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| Were there any evaluation updates<br>included in MR? If yes, please<br>summarize here. | Key evaluation activities this quarter have included:<br>identifying and refining data sources, developing surveys and<br>other data collection opportunities, implementing new data<br>input processes for both the demonstration data and the<br>control group data, developing measurement methodologies<br>to answer the research questions, and drafting the Evaluation<br>Design document. Health Management Associates (HMA) and<br>the State have developed thirty (30) different measures to<br>test twelve (12) hypotheses, in support of the demonstration |
|  | goals.  |

# The following sections are only completed for demonstrations that include HCBS and/or managed care authority:

For 1115 Demonstrations authorizing managed care, the DMCO SME will complete the following fields (add as many rows as needed):

| Monitoring<br>Report/Issue/Requirement<br>Information | Summary of Information |
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For 1115 Demonstrations authorizing HCBS services, the DHCBSO SME will complete the following fields (add as many rows as needed):



| Monitoring<br>Report/Issue/Requirement<br>Information | Summary of Information   |
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| STC 40  | For key policy D1, the state uses a metric for the<br>number of CWP participants receiving all services in<br>settings that are not provider-owned or controlled.<br>Will the state be developing metrics for assessing<br>the HCBS Settings Rule compliance with settings that<br>ARE provider-owned or controlled? |