

1. Title Page for the State’s SUD Demonstration or SUD Components of Broader Demonstration

The state should complete this Title Page at the beginning of a demonstration and submit as the title page of all SUD Monitoring Reports. The content of this table should stay consistent over time.

State	<i>Minnesota.</i>
Demonstration name	<i>Minnesota Substance Use Disorder System Reform</i>
Approval date for demonstration	<i>06/28/2019</i>
Approval period for SUD	<i>06/28/2019 – 06/30/2024</i>
Approval date for SUD, if different from above	<i>N/A</i>
Implementation date of SUD, if different from above	<i>TBD – the state is currently in the process of enrolling the first IMD facilities that will enable the state to receive FFP through this demonstration.</i>
SUD (or if broader demonstration, then SUD - related) demonstration goals and objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Increased rates of identification, initiation, and engagement in treatment for SUD.</i> <i>2. Increased adherence to and retention in treatment.</i> <i>3. Fewer readmissions to the same or higher levels of care where the readmission is preventable or medically inappropriate.</i> <p><i>Minnesota Substance Use Disorder System Reform 1115 Demonstration</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>4. Improved access to care for physical health conditions among Medicaid beneficiaries.</i> <i>5. To reduce the number of opioid related overdoses and deaths within the state of Minnesota.</i> <i>6. To allow for patients to receive a wider array of evidence based services that are focused on a holistic approach to treatment.</i> <i>7. Reduced utilization of emergency departments and inpatient hospital settings for treatment where the utilization is preventable or medically inappropriate through improved access to other continuum of care services.</i> <i>8. Utilizing its CCBHC providers to integrate community mental health care providers into an ASAM-based provider referral network with SUD providers or other health care professionals as needed.</i>

2. Executive Summary

COVID-19 response continues to result in resource shortages for grants and contracts management as well as IT systems. These resource shortages continue to cause minor delays in the IT system's claims coding processes for the implementation of the demonstration. Minnesota's implementation of a "direct access" to treatment process for SUD services was successfully implemented in the claims system. The direct access claims process needed to be established prior to the 1115 SUD System Reform claims process being deployed. These processes are in their final stages of testing and the State plans to deploy this claims process and begin enrollment in the coming weeks. The State did receive state plan approval of the minimum fee schedule for enhanced SUD services provided by eligible providers participating in the demonstration for the rating period covering January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The State met the Milestone #3 requirement by publishing the demonstration's standards to the project's webpage by October 2020. Links to the standards have also been incorporated into the State's Health Care Program's Provider Manual. The State continues to address provider stakeholder concerns related to medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Some providers have expressed strong disapproval for a standard that would require participating providers to accept clients using Methadone into their programs. This group of providers are also seeking to implement policies and practices that would require clients to taper off MAT as a condition of treatment. This matter has been raised to legislators and the Commissioner of the DHS. The State is currently working with these providers to resolve this barrier to implementation.

The State is in the process of finalizing contracts with early adopter demonstration providers. The contracts are designed to create partnering agencies that can provide operational insights into implementation of the demonstration. These insights will help the State identify and address opportunities as well as challenges in operationalizing the demonstration.

The State is also finalizing a contract with a vendor that will be providing a 6 month long web-based ASAM training. The training will support the State's implementation of the ASAM Criteria developed for the demonstration and meet the State's Milestone requirements for implementing ASAM trainings.

The State has received three proposals for implementing the Utilization Management (UM) requirement of the demonstration. The state is currently in the process of reviewing and scoring those proposals to determine which vendor will be awarded a contract for the UM services.

The State has hired two FTEs to support the work of the demonstration. One position supports the monitoring and evaluation requirements for the demonstration. The second position focuses on communications, technical assistance, stakeholder engagement and reporting.

3. Narrative Information on Implementation, by Milestone and Reporting Topic

Prompt	State response	Measurement period first reported (MM/DD/YYYY - MM/DD/YYYY)	Related metric (if any)
1.2 Assessment of Need and Qualification for SUD Services			
1.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to assessment of need and qualification for SUD services.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no metrics trends to report for this reporting topic.			
1.2.2 Implementation Update			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> i) The target population(s) of the demonstration <input type="checkbox"/> ii) The clinical criteria (e.g., SUD diagnoses) that qualify a beneficiary for the demonstration 			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to assessment of need and qualification for SUD services			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
2.2 Access to Critical Levels of Care for OUD and other SUDs (Milestone 1)			
2.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 1			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no metrics trends to report for this reporting topic.			

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2.2.2 Implementation Update			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> i) Planned activities to improve access to SUD treatment services across the continuum of care for Medicaid beneficiaries (e.g. outpatient services, intensive outpatient services, medication assisted treatment, services in intensive residential and inpatient settings, medically supervised withdrawal management) <input type="checkbox"/> ii) SUD benefit coverage under the Medicaid state plan or the Expenditure Authority, particularly for residential treatment, medically supervised withdrawal management, and medication assisted treatment services provided to individuals in IMDs 			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 1			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
3.2 Use of Evidence-based, SUD-specific Patient Placement Criteria (Milestone 2)			
3.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 2			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no trends to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state is not reporting metrics related to Milestone 2.			

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3.2.2 Implementation Update			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> i) Planned activities to improve providers’ use of evidence-based, SUD-specific placement criteria <input type="checkbox"/> ii) Implementation of a utilization management approach to ensure (a) beneficiaries have access to SUD services at the appropriate level of care, (b) interventions are appropriate for the diagnosis and level of care, or (c) use of independent process for reviewing placement in residential treatment settings 			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 2			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state is not reporting metrics related to Milestone 2.			
4.2 Use of Nationally Recognized SUD-specific Program Standards to Set Provider Qualifications for Residential Treatment Facilities (Milestone 3)			
4.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 3			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no trends to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state is not reporting metrics related to Milestone 3.			

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4.2.2 Implementation Update			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> i) Implementation of residential treatment provider qualifications that meet the ASAM Criteria or other nationally recognized, SUD-specific program standards <input type="checkbox"/> ii) State review process for residential treatment providers' compliance with qualifications standards <input type="checkbox"/> iii) Availability of medication assisted treatment at residential treatment facilities, either on-site or through facilitated access to services off site 			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 3			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state is not reporting metrics related to Milestone 3.			
5.2 Sufficient Provider Capacity at Critical Levels of Care including for Medication Assisted Treatment for OUD (Milestone 4)			
5.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 4			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no trends to report for this reporting topic.			

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5.2.2 Implementation Update			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <input type="checkbox"/> Planned activities to assess the availability of providers enrolled in Medicaid and accepting new patients in across the continuum of SUD care			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 4			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
6.2 Implementation of Comprehensive Treatment and Prevention Strategies to Address Opioid Abuse and OUD (Milestone 5)			
6.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 5			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no trends to report for this reporting topic.			
6.2.2 Implementation Update			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <input type="checkbox"/> i) Implementation of opioid prescribing guidelines and other interventions related to prevention of OUD <input type="checkbox"/> ii) Expansion of coverage for and access to naloxone			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			

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<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 5			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
7.2 Improved Care Coordination and Transitions between Levels of Care (Milestone 6)			
7.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to Milestone 6			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no trends to report for this reporting topic.			
7.2.2 Implementation Update			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation of policies supporting beneficiaries' transition from residential and inpatient facilities to community-based services and supports 			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Milestone 6			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
8.2 SUD Health Information Technology (Health IT)			
8.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to its Health IT metrics			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no trends to report for this reporting topic.			

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8.2.2 Implementation Update			
<p>Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> i) How health IT is being used to slow down the rate of growth of individuals identified with SUD <input type="checkbox"/> ii) How health IT is being used to treat effectively individuals identified with SUD <input type="checkbox"/> iii) How health IT is being used to effectively monitor “recovery” supports and services for individuals identified with SUD <input type="checkbox"/> iv) Other aspects of the state’s plan to develop the health IT infrastructure/capabilities at the state, delivery system, health plan/MCO, and individual provider levels <input type="checkbox"/> v) Other aspects of the state’s health IT implementation milestones <input type="checkbox"/> vi) The timeline for achieving health IT implementation milestones <input type="checkbox"/> vii) Planned activities to increase use and functionality of the state’s prescription drug monitoring program 			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to Health IT	<i>DHS has ended its contract with FastTracker, so it can no longer track provider availability updates and will be working with interagency resources to develop a new metric for item number 35.</i>	07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020	35
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			

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9.2 Other SUD-Related Metrics			
9.2.1 Metric Trends			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports the following metric trends, including all changes (+ or -) greater than 2 percent related to other SUD-related metrics			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no trends to report for this reporting topic.			
9.2.2 Implementation Update			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect metrics related to other SUD-related metrics			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
10.2 Budget Neutrality			
10.2.1 Current status and analysis			
<input type="checkbox"/> If the SUD component is part of a broader demonstration, the state should provide an analysis of the SUD-related budget neutrality and an analysis of budget neutrality as a whole. Describe the current status of budget neutrality and an analysis of the budget neutrality to date.			
10.2.2 Implementation Update			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state expects to make other program changes that may affect budget neutrality			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			

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11.1 SUD-Related Demonstration Operations and Policy			
11.1.1 Considerations			
<input type="checkbox"/> States should highlight significant SUD (or if broader demonstration, then SUD-related) demonstration operations or policy considerations that could positively or negatively affect beneficiary enrollment, access to services, timely provision of services, budget neutrality, or any other provision that has potential for beneficiary impacts. Also note any activity that may accelerate or create delays or impediments in achieving the SUD demonstration’s approved goals or objectives, if not already reported elsewhere in this document. See report template instructions for more detail.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no related considerations to report for this reporting topic.			
11.1.2 Implementation Update			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> i) How the delivery system operates under the demonstration (e.g. through the managed care system or fee for service) <input type="checkbox"/> ii) Delivery models affecting demonstration participants (e.g. Accountable Care Organizations, Patient Centered Medical Homes) <input type="checkbox"/> iii) Partners involved in service delivery 			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state experienced challenges in partnering with entities contracted to help implement the demonstration (e.g., health plans, credentialing vendors, private sector providers) and/or noted any performance issues with contracted entities	<i>The State continues to address areas of concern brought by provider stakeholder groups related to medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Some providers have expressed strong disapproval for a standard that would require participating providers to accept clients using methadone into their programs. This group of providers are also seeking to implement policies and practices that would require clients to taper off of MAT as a condition of treatment. This matter has been raised to legislators and the Commissioner of the DHS. The State is currently working with these providers to resolve this barrier to implementation.</i>	07/01/2019 – 6/30/2020	
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state is working on other initiatives related to SUD or OUD	<i>Ending the State’s 1915(b) waiver Establishing an Integrated Behavioral Health Fund (IBHF).</i>	07/01/2019 – 6/30/2020	
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The initiatives described above are related to the SUD or OUD demonstration (States should note similarities and differences from the SUD demonstration)	<i>Direct access billing became live on October 1 and will run parallel to the State’s 1915(b) waiver until 06/30/2022 when direct access will become the sole option for SUD services. By ending the 1915(b) waiver, direct access to treatment allows individuals to receive an assessment by any qualified person that is an eligible vendor of comprehensive assessments to determine placement. The elimination of counties’ financial responsibility in approving services prior to a client entering treatment or moving to a different level of care will allow a more streamlined transition across the continuum of SUD services. The IBHF creates a housing benefit for individuals leaving residential placements. This has the potential for providing someone receiving SUD treatment services to qualify for up to 90 days of housing supports after leaving a residential placement.</i>	07/01/2020 – 6/30/2021	9
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no implementation update to report for this reporting topic.			

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12. SUD Demonstration Evaluation Update			
12.1. Narrative Information			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide updates on SUD evaluation work and timeline. The appropriate content will depend on when this report is due to CMS and the timing for the demonstration. See report template instructions for more details.	<i>-Evaluation design – submitted to CMS on 04/01/2020</i> <i>-Evaluation procurement – contract established with NORC on 03/03/2020</i> <i>-Evaluation implementation – underway with no concerns for delay. NORC to deliver a more detailed Provider Capacity Assessment January 2021.</i>	07/01/2020 – 6/30/2021	
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no SUD demonstration evaluation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provide status updates on deliverables related to the demonstration evaluation and indicate whether the expected timelines are being met and/or if there are any real or anticipated barriers in achieving the goals and timeframes agreed to in the STCs.	<i>Awaiting CMS review and comment on Evaluation Design Plan.</i>	07/01/2019 – 6/30/2020	
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no SUD demonstration evaluation update to report for this reporting topic.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> List anticipated evaluation-related deliverables related to this demonstration and their due dates.	<i>Mid-point Assessment due 12/31/2021 (The STC had conflicting dates, and CMS has clarified 12/31/2021, not 12/31/2022 as reported in the last report, as the date for the Mid-point assessment)</i> <i>Interim Evaluation Report due 06/30/2023</i> <i>Final Evaluation Report due 12/31/2025</i>	07/01/2020-06/30/2021	
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no SUD demonstration evaluation update to report for this reporting topic.			
13.1 Other Demonstration Reporting			
13.1.1 General Reporting Requirements			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state reports changes in its implementation of the demonstration that might necessitate a change to approved STCs, implementation plan, or monitoring protocol			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no updates on general requirements to report for this reporting topic.			

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state anticipates the need to make future changes to the STCs, implementation plan, or monitoring protocol, based on expected or upcoming implementation changes	<i>Data procurement – MMIS does not have a means of collecting criminal justice involvement. The DHS is exploring options for how to identify the criminal justice involvement with a goal to have a solution by January of 2021. The DHS does not collect opioid death information – at present, we have identified a public de-identified data source that we can link to the MMIS and are exploring options for identified data for improved linkage. The DHS has ended its contract with FastTracker, so it can no longer track provider availability updates and will be working with interagency resources to develop a new metric for item number 35.</i>	07/01/2020 – 09/30/2020	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; 26, 27, 35
<input type="checkbox"/> The state has no updates on general requirements to report for this reporting topic.			
Compared to the demonstration design and operational details, the state expects to make the following changes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> i) The schedule for completing and submitting monitoring reports <input type="checkbox"/> ii) The content or completeness of submitted reports and/or future reports 			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no updates on general requirements to report for this reporting topic.			
<input type="checkbox"/> The state identified real or anticipated issues submitting timely post-approval demonstration deliverables, including a plan for remediation			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no updates on general requirements to report for this reporting topic.			

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13.1.2 Post-Award Public Forum			
<input type="checkbox"/> If applicable within the timing of the demonstration, provide a summary of the annual post-award public forum held pursuant to 42 CFR § 431.420(c) indicating any resulting action items or issues. A summary of the post-award public forum must be included here for the period during which the forum was held and in the annual report.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No post-award public forum was held during this reporting period and this is not an annual report, so the state has no post-award public forum update to report for this topic.			
14.1 Notable State Achievements and/or Innovations			
14.1 Narrative Information			
<input type="checkbox"/> Provide any relevant summary of achievements and/or innovations in demonstration enrollment, benefits, operations, and policies pursuant to the hypotheses of the SUD (or if broader demonstration, then SUD related) demonstration or that served to provide better care for individuals, better health for populations, and/or reduce per capita cost. Achievements should focus on significant impacts to beneficiary outcomes. Whenever possible, the summary should describe the achievement or innovation in quantifiable terms, e.g., number of impacted beneficiaries.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The state has no notable achievements or innovations to report for this reporting topic.			

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