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Care Management Entity Program Redesign

In 2015, the Wyoming Department of Health (WDH) implemented the statewide Medicaid Care Management Entity (CME) program to provide targeted case management services via a high-fidelity wraparound (HFWA) delivery model. The CME program serves Medicaid eligible youth 4-20 years old with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) who are high utilizers of behavioral health services.

The Medicaid CME program adheres to the HFWA model to coordinate a variety of services and supports into a single, individualized plan of care for each enrollee. The Medicaid CME program aims to provide intensive care coordination for youth with complex behavioral health needs in order to:

1. Prevent unnecessary inpatient psychiatric admissions,
2. Reduce repeated crisis-driven service utilization,
3. Improve cross-system coordination for youth with complex needs, and
4. Strengthen family engagement and natural supports.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved concurrent 1915(b) and 1915(c) waivers authorizing the Medicaid CME program. Children who are not otherwise financially eligible for Medicaid can participate in the CME program through the Children's Mental Health Waiver through the 1915(c) waiver. Medicaid contracted with Magellan Healthcare Inc. to serve as the Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plan (PAHP) for the CME program.

Over years of program experience, Medicaid has determined that the managed care structure authorized under the 1915(b) waiver introduces administrative complexity and overhead that limits the State's ability to maximize resources in direct support of beneficiaries. As Wyoming does not operate other Medicaid managed care programs, maintaining this structure has also proven operationally inefficient. For this reason, Medicaid is terminating the current 1915(b) waiver effective July 1, 2027.

Timeline

Start	End	Label
4/1/2026	6/30/2026	Communication of CME program redesign to interested parties
8/1/2026	8/30/2026	Release RFP
8/1/2026	6/30/2027	Promulgate CME Administrative Rule
11/1/2026	11/30/2026	Submit 1915(c) Waiver Amendment
12/1/2026	1/31/2027	Vendor Contract
4/1/2027	5/31/2027	Submit Official 1915(b) Waiver Termination
6/1/2026	6/30/2027	Communication of CME program redesign to interested parties

Wyoming Medicaid is transitioning the CME program from managed care to a Fee-for-Service (FFS) delivery system. To ensure transparency and a smooth transition, we are initiating multiple outreach and engagement through public notice, conferences, and direct notices to providers and members of the program.