



Social Care Network

1115 Waiver: Southern Tier Updates

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Current NYS 1115 Waiver Domains

Waiver Focus Areas	Eligible Applicants	Funding
Social Care Networks / Health Related Social Needs	Regional CBO aggregators, roughly nine total across NYS with up to \$500M of the \$3.6B dedicated for infrastructure.	\$3.2B
SCN Infrastructure	For SCN set-up costs in each region, including but not limited to initial network infrastructure, referral system(s), staffing, coordinating CBOs, capacity building for CBOs, and contracting.	\$500M
Health Equity Organization	One singular statewide health equity entity.	\$125M
Medicaid Hospital Global Budget Initiative	Financially distressed safety net hospitals in NYC region, distributing \$550M/yr for 3.5 years.	\$2.2B
Workforce Investment Organizations	Three statewide workforce agencies that can support training, recruitment, tuition reimbursement support, and career planning.	\$694M

Workforce Investment Organizations

Eligible Healthcare Titles (2024-2025):

Nursing:

- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Associate Registered Nurse
- Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Nurse Practitioner

Professional/Technical:

- Physician Assistant
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Master of Social Work
- Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Certified Medical Assistant
- Respiratory Therapist

Frontline Public Workers:

- Community Health Workers
- Patient Care Managers

Career Pathways Training

Market full tuition, books, and supplies scholarship program to students for New Careers and current healthcare employees interested in Career Advancement with providers, educational institutions, local Workforce Boards, SCNs, and other community-based organizations.



1115 Waiver Acronyms & Abbreviations

Community Based Organization (CBO)

A not-for-profit charitable organization that works at the local level to meet community needs and is registered as a 501(c)(3). “Providers”

Health Related Social Need (HRSN)

Drivers of health outcomes and directly impact health inequalities, including but not limited to nutrition, housing, transportation.

Social Care Network (SCN)

Regional based lead entities who will coordinate the delivery of HRSN services to Medicaid members by participating CBOs, with support from shared data & tech.

Enhanced Services (aka Level 2 Services)

****NEW**** Medicaid services available for qualifying Medicaid members based on needs identified in the HRSN screen.

Social Care Network Enhanced Services

The waiver will cover the following HRSN services, which have a demonstrated positive impact on health outcomes, for eligible Medicaid Members:



Housing Supports

- Navigation
- Community transitional services
- Rent/utilities
- Pre-tenancy and tenancy sustaining services
- Home remediation
- Home accessibility and safety modifications
- Medical respite



Nutrition

- Nutritional counseling and classes
- Medically tailored or clinically appropriate home-delivered meals
- Food prescriptions
- Fresh produce and nonperishables
- Cooking supplies, (pots, pans, etc.)



Transportation

- Reimbursement for public and private transportation to connect to HRSN services and HRSN case management activities



Case Management

- Case management, outreach, referral, and education, including linkages to other state and federal programs
- Connection to clinical case management
- Connection to childcare employment, education, interpersonal violence resources

NYS Health Related Social Needs Screening Questions

Housing / Utilities	1. What is your living situation today?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. I have a steady place to live. b. I have a place to live today, but I am worried about losing it in the future. c. I do not have a steady place to live (I am temporarily staying with others, in a hotel, in a shelter, living outside on the street, on a beach, in a car, abandoned building, bus or train station, or in a park)
	2. Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following? CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pests such as bugs, ants, or mice b. Mice c. Mold d. Lead paint or pipes e. Lack of heat f. Oven or stove not working g. Smoke detectors missing or not working h. Water leaks i. None of the above
	3. In the past 12 months has the electric, gas, oil, or water company threatened to shut off services in your home?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes b. No c. Already Shut Off
Food Security	4. Within the past 12 months, have you worried that your food would run out before you got more money to buy more food?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Often true b. Sometimes true c. Never true
	5. Within the past 12 months, the food you bought just didn't last and you didn't have money to get more?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Often true b. Sometimes true c. Never true
Transportation	6. In the past 12 months, has lack of reliable transportation kept you from medical appointments, meetings, work, or from getting things needed for daily life?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes b. No
Employment	7. Do you want help finding or keeping work for a job?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yes, help finding work 2. Yes, help keeping work 3. I do not need or want help
Education	8. Do you want help with school or training? For example, starting or completing job training or getting a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes b. No

NYS Health Related Social Needs Screening Questions

Interpersonal Safety	9. How often does anyone, including family and friends, physically hurt you?	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Sometimes	4. Fairly Often 5. Frequently
	10. How often does anyone, including family and friends, insult or talk down to you?	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Sometimes	4. Fairly Often 5. Frequently
	11. How often does anyone, including family and friends, threaten you with harm?	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Sometimes	4. Fairly Often 5. Frequently
	12. How often does anyone, including family and friends, scream or curse at you?	1. Never 2. Rarely 3. Sometimes	4. Fairly Often 5. Frequently

Source: NYS DOH SCN RFA pages 75-76 [New York Health Equity Reform: Social Care Networks \(ny.gov\)](https://www.ny.gov/new-york-health-equity-reform-social-care-networks)

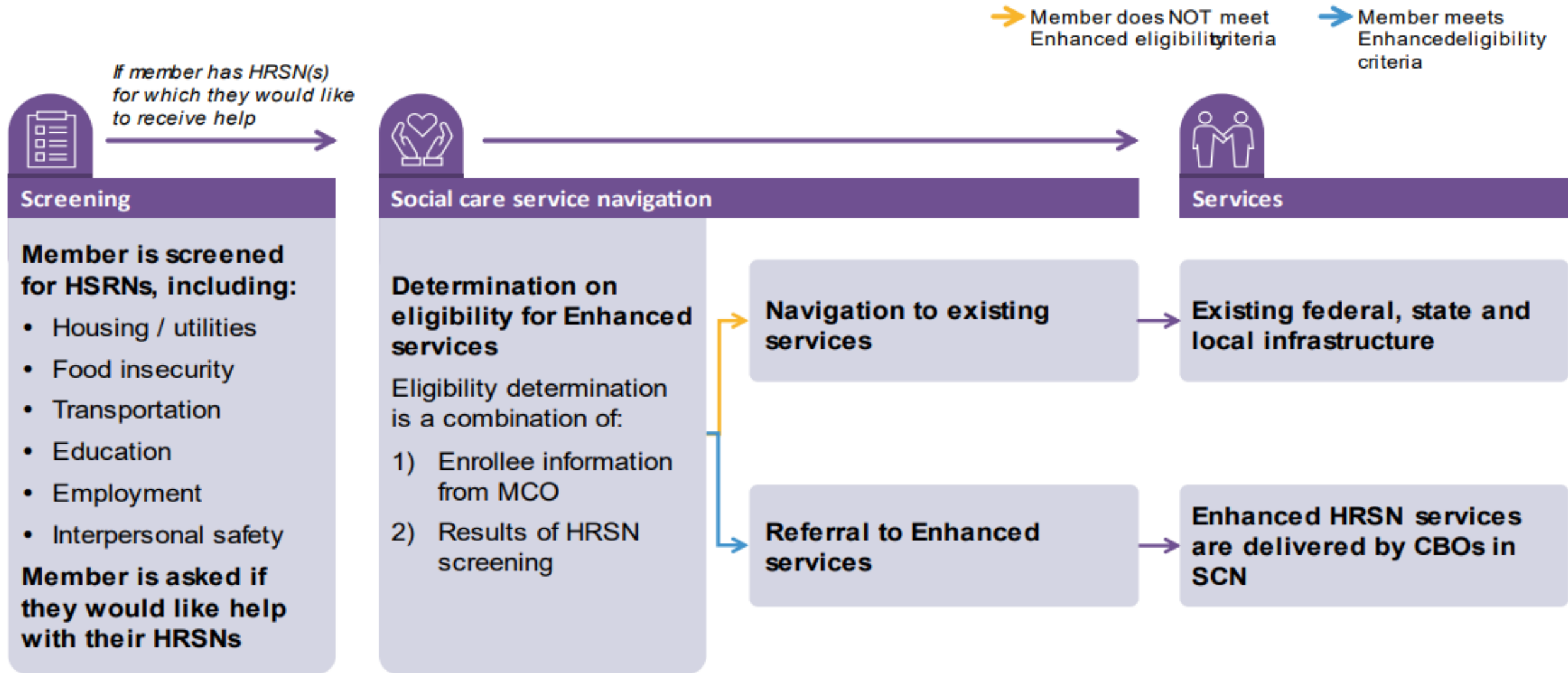
Enhanced Service Qualifying Criteria

Managed Medicaid member with one of the following criteria:

- i. **Medicaid High Utilizer** (defined by ED or IP utilization, or transitioned from an institutional setting in the past 90 days and has a chronic condition, including MH or physical disability).
- ii. **Individuals enrolled in a NYS Health Home**, which currently includes individuals with HIV/AIDs, Serious Mental Illness or Emotional Disturbance, Complex Trauma, or 2 or more chronic conditions
- iii. **Individuals with Substance Use Disorder (SUD)**
- iv. **Individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)**
- v. **Individuals with an Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD)**
- vi. **Pregnant and postpartum persons**
- vii. **Individuals who are up to 90 days post-release from incarceration with a chronic condition**, including SUCH and chronic hep-C
- viii. **Juvenile justice involved youth, foster care youth, and those under kinship care**
- ix. **High-risk children under the age of six**
- x. **Children under the age of 18 with one or more chronic conditions**

1115 Waiver Workflow

This slide represents how \$3.2B will be invested in NYS through March 2027



Enhanced Health-Related Social Need (HRSN) Services RFA

Reminder!

Milestone	Date
RFA distributed to providers	11/8/2024
Question submission	11/15/2024
Answers provided	11/22/2024
Intent to respond declaration submitted (optional)	12/6/2024
★ Deadline for RFA responses	12/20/2024 ★
Selection of provider/contract negotiation	01/2025
Initial funds distribution/ contract start date	02/2025

An Additional Round of this RFA will commence in March 2025

Important Dates

Event	Date	Comments
SCN/Provider Contracts Executed to be in first wave for 1/1/25 go live	Wednesday 12/04/24	
NYS SCN Webinar for Health Care Providers *NEW*	Thursday 12/12/24 2-3pm	Webinar for health care providers to learn about the SCN program and the roles they may play. Intended audience is health care providers from health systems / hospitals, primary care practices, behavioral health organizations, community health centers including FQHCs, etc.
SCN Stakeholder Meeting	Thursday 12/19/24 12-1:30pm (tentative)	TBD
Enhanced Health-Related Social Need (HRSN) Services Request For Applications Due	Friday 12/20/24 by 5pm	
Wave 1 organization onboarding trainings to be complete (to be eligible to bill 1/1/25)	Tuesday 12/31/24	
Social Care Network Services Go Live!	Wednesday 01/01/25	

Helpful Resources

NYS Social Care Network Website

New NYS website housing official 1115 waiver documents and information for each of the Social Care Networks.

https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/sdh/scn/index.htm

Upstate NY WIOs: Finger Lakes PPS & Iroquois Health Association (Caring Gene)

Finger Lakes PPS www.flpps.org

Caring Gene <https://caringgene.com/>

Care Compass ****new**** www.carecompasscollaborative.org -> 1/1/25 go live date

****current**** www.care-compass.org

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