



Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Delivery System Initiatives: January 2019 Update

Upcoming Activity Highlights

- **Universal SUD-specific Prior Authorization (PA) Form** – The State is currently soliciting feedback from provider and Managed Care Entity (MCE) partners on a draft SUD-specific PA form. Once all parties have provided input, the State will notify MCEs and providers of the implementation timeline.
- **Medicaid Billing and Claim Submission Guidance** – Currently, the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is working toward issuing information on four billing options that providers may utilize to ensure members receive initial treatment regardless of their entry point into the SUD treatment system. State guidance will include the procedure and revenue codes currently available to specific provider types* for the following:
 1. Initial assessments, as broken out from overall treatment program fees
 2. Crisis intervention, if available
 3. First dose induction of buprenorphine
 4. Observation level of care in eligible settings for up to three days without a PA request

*The State is exploring opportunities to expand these billing options to more provider types and settings.
- **ASAM Training** – In April of 2019, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA), in partnership with a national team from the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM), will conduct three trainings on ASAM criteria for up to 300 provider and MCE representatives. DMHA will provide further information.
- **Universal Placement Criteria (UPC)/State Policy: Guidance for Residential Treatment** – Throughout 2019, the State intends to develop and issue standards related to components of SUD treatment and practices. In the first quarter of 2019, the State will kick off this effort with guidance on the number of treatment days a member, who has been approved for residential care, may receive prior to re-evaluation/concurrent review.

2019 Planned Activities**

Q1 and Q2

- Universal SUD-specific PA Form
- Medicaid Billing and Claim Submission Guidance
- ASAM Training
- UPC/State Policy: Guidance for Residential Care
- Overview of the Current PA and PA Appeal Processes (Distribution of Resource Materials)
- UPC/State Policy: Transition Planning Expectations for Provider, MCE, and Fee-For-Service (FFS) Partners
- Review and Optimization of SUD PA Denial Letters
- Recovery Residence Training on Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)
- Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA)/ASAM Tool Development and Validation

Q3 and Q4

- Potential Provider Certification Requirement Changes, which may include:
 - Additional proof of partnerships/relationships with providers of higher and lower levels of care
 - Increased Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) offerings
- Additional UPC/State Policy topics
- Emergency Department (ED) Initiated Treatment Pilot

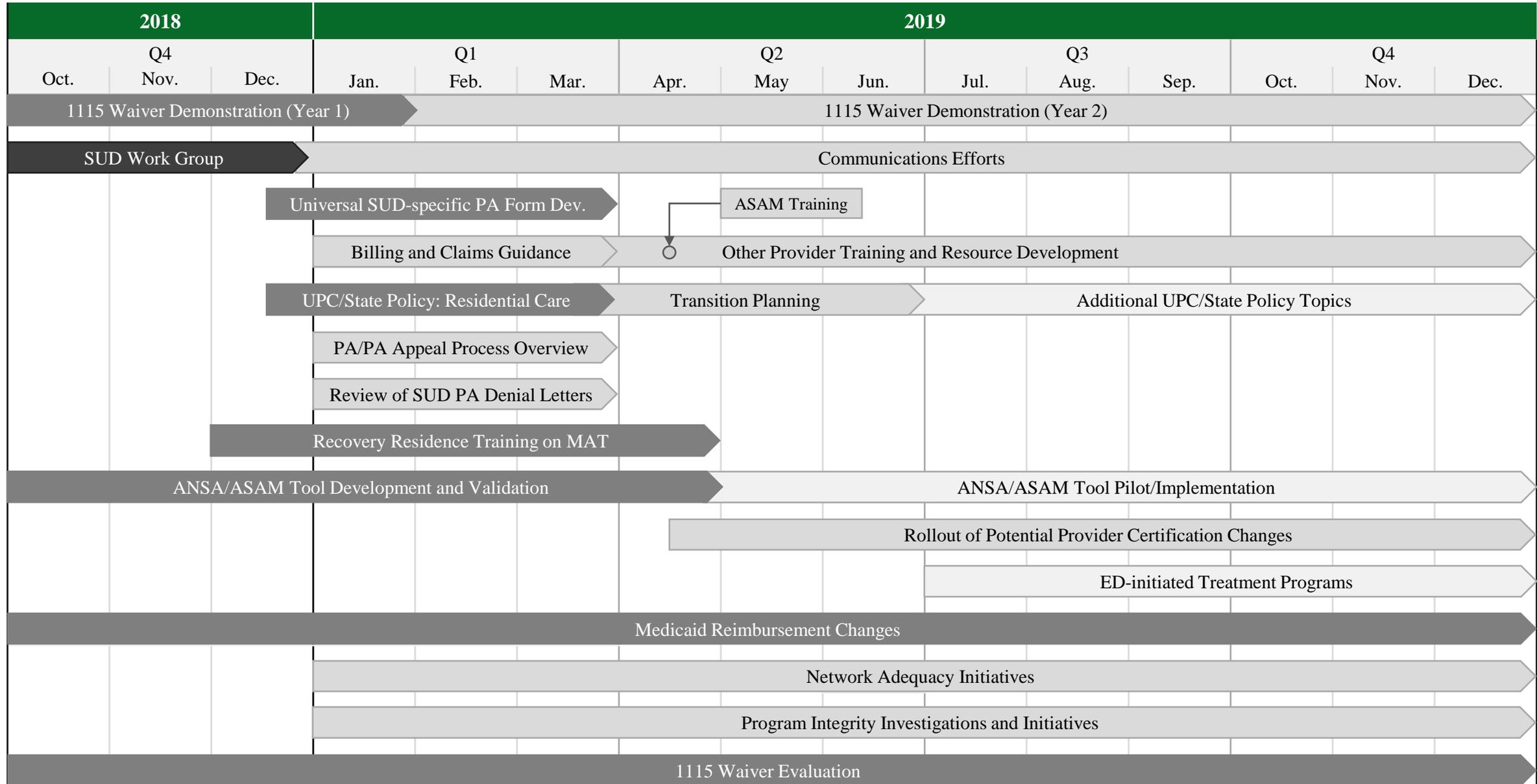
Ongoing

- Communications Efforts
- Provider Training and Resource Development
- Medicaid Reimbursement Changes (e.g., expanding Peer Recovery Support reimbursement)
- Network Adequacy Initiatives
- Program Integrity Investigations and Initiatives
- 1115 Waiver Evaluation

**These activities are subject to change. The State will issue a quarterly update to stakeholders on the latest status of planned SUD activities.

Estimated* Timeline: SUD Delivery System Initiatives

Complete In Progress Upcoming Tentative



*Estimated as of January 4th, 2019. Dates and activities are subject to change.