

Preliminary Measures for the Traditional Health Care Practices Waiver

November 2025

Hypothesis 1: *Members will utilize THCP and improve their engagement of health care services*

Draft Research Questions

- Did members utilize THCP?
- Did members who utilize THCP access well-care and preventive care at higher rates compared to non-users?
- Did members who utilize THCP have better management of BH conditions compared to non-users?
- How did the costs associated with providing THCP change over the course of the demonstration?

Draft Measure Overview

- Number of THCP billed
- Access to preventive care
- Access to follow up care for SUDs or mental health disorders
- Assessment of costs associated with TCHP

Proposed Comparison Group

- AI/AN non-users of THCP

Proposed Data Sources

- AI/AN non-users of THCP
- State eligibility & enrollment data

Proposed Analytic Approaches

- Post-only analysis
- Post-test-only nonequivalent comparison
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Hypothesis 2: *Providers will offer THCP to members*

Draft Research Questions

- How many providers offer THCP?
- What is the experience of providers offering THCP?

Draft Measure Overview

- Number of participating providers/facilities
- Provider reported barriers and successes to offering THCP

Proposed Comparison Group

- N/A

Proposed Data Sources

- State eligibility & enrollment data
- Claims/encounter data
- Key informant interviews

Proposed Analytic Approaches

- Post-only analysis
- Qualitative synthesis

Hypothesis 3: *Members utilizing THCP will report increased satisfaction in their experience of care*

Draft Research Questions

- Were members who utilized THCP services satisfied with their experience?
- Were members aware of the newly covered THCP initiatives?
- Did members who utilize THCP have improved self-perceived quality of care compared to non-users?

Draft Measure Overview

- Member satisfaction and experience
- Member awareness of THCP
- Member perception of provider cultural competency

Proposed Comparison Group

- AI/AN non-users of THCP

Proposed Data Sources*

- Focus group
- Beneficiary survey

Proposed Analytic Approaches

- Post-only analysis
- Post-test-only nonequivalent comparison
- Qualitative synthesis

***Note:** *Not all proposed data sources will be used. HSAG will collaborate with AHCCCS and the tribal workgroup to determine the best cost-effective method for gathering member perspective.*

Hypothesis 4: *Health outcomes will improve among members utilizing THCP*

Draft Research Question

- Did members who utilize THCP have improved health outcomes compared to non-users?

Draft Measure Overview

- Member rating of physical and mental health

Proposed Comparison Group

- AI/AN non-users of THCP

Proposed Data Sources*

- Focus group
- Beneficiary survey

Proposed Analytic Approaches

- Post-only analysis
- Post-test-only nonequivalent comparison
- Qualitative synthesis

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