

SUPPORT Act Section 1003: Planning Grants for the Demonstration Project to Increase Substance Use Disorder Provider Capacity

State Medicaid Agency: Delaware

Key Focus Populations: Individuals with substance use disorders (SUD), especially opioid use disorder (OUD)

Funding Amount: \$3,579,864

Program Areas of Focus¹: The information below summarizes the grantee's initial areas of focus through the planning grant awards, which are to:

- Increase data analytic capacity to understand the scope of OUD and other SUD
 - Investment in the software and expertise needed to build dashboards to track OUD and other SUD, including treatment utilization, in a dynamic fashion for the Medicaid population specifically.
- Review rates and redesign reimbursement
 - Conduct a comprehensive review of the reimbursement rates for OUD and other SUD treatment.
 - Explore payment best practices, especially those used by other states' Medicaid programs, which encourage high quality care that is accessible and integrated into the rest of the delivery system.
 - Develop an updated reimbursement structure and rates.
- Expand provider pool
 - Offer additional training for primary care and other outpatient providers, including buprenorphine waiver training. This activity may include incentives for newly trained providers who begin providing high quality medication assisted treatment (MAT).
 - Provide technical assistance for primary care offices to develop the infrastructure needed to support MAT services.
- Engage stakeholders
 - Conduct qualitative research to assess the needs of Medicaid recipients affected with OUD and other SUD, including barriers to care.
 - Conduct qualitative research to understand barriers to providing MAT by Medicaid providers, especially in outpatient settings.
 - Increase Medicaid provider participation in existing efforts, such as the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health's Substance Use Treatment and Recovery Transformation (START) initiative.

¹ The purpose of the planning grants is to increase the capacity of Medicaid providers to deliver SUD treatment or recovery services through:

- An ongoing assessment of the substance use disorder treatment needs of the state;
- Recruitment, training, and technical assistance for Medicaid providers that offer substance use disorder treatment or recovery services; and
- Improved reimbursement for and expansion of the number or treatment capacity of Medicaid providers.