

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

State Medicaid Agency: Kentucky

Key Focus Populations: Pregnant, postpartum, prenatal women, and infants (including those with neonatal abstinence syndrome)

Funding Amount: \$833,701

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

- Conduct an initial assessment of mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment needs of the state to determine the extent to which providers are needed to address SUD treatment and recovery needs of Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Conduct roundtable discussions with inter-agency collaborators, university partners, community stakeholders, current and prospective providers, managed care organization partners, and non-physician behavioral health service providers to identify barriers to SUD treatment and recovery services and plans for over-coming them that include provider capacity and willingness.
- Expand SUD treatment and/or recovery services in existence and work with agencies to develop collaborative partnerships to address the gap providers for women of childbearing age and their children.
- Partner with providers, advocates, community stakeholders, and Kentucky's managed care organizations to conduct collaborative in-person discussions for problem-solving efforts to obtain feedback on implementation actions to expand capacity to fill provider gaps in SUD treatment and/or recovery services for women of childbearing age and their children.

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.