

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

State Medicaid Agency: Maine

Key Focus Populations: Adolescents and youth (12-21); pregnant and post-partum women and their infants; individuals transitioning care settings (including those newly leaving incarceration); American Indian/Alaskan Native Nations; and rural populations

Funding Amount: \$2,077,599

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

- Assess the number, capacity, and willingness of providers to expand provision of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery services.
- Develop short-term recommendations for improving access to appropriate levels of care, including assessing any gaps in the current SUD treatment and recovery service delivery system.
- Build service delivery infrastructure that the existing assessments indicate are much needed to enable better response to SUD, including opioid use disorder (OUD):
 - Evaluate MaineCare's SUD rates and rate setting system in comparison to other rates and payment models employed nationally and develop rates for specific SUD services and programs;
 - Enhance telehealth capability;
 - Explore development of a treatment locator tool; and
 - Eliminate other barriers to beneficiary access to treatment and recovery services, through efforts such as technical assistance to current or potential SUD treatment providers and engagement with health systems, individual providers, and provider organizations.

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.