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

State Medicaid Agency: Nevada

Key Focus Populations: Pregnant, postpartum, prenatal women, and infants (including those with neonatal abstinence syndrome); and adolescents and young adults between the ages of 12 and 21

Funding Amount: $1,684,013

Program Areas of Focus\(^1\): The information below summarizes the grantee’s initial areas of focus through the planning grant awards, which are to:

- Engage the provider community through a planning committee to assess the capacity, qualifications, and willingness of Medicaid-enrolled providers to deliver substance use disorder treatment (SUD) and/or recovery services, including all forms of medication assisted treatment (MAT) approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration consistent with the SUPPORT Act section 1006(b) across a continuum of settings to Medicaid-eligible individuals.
- Develop a comprehensive MAT policy and Medicaid Service Manual (MSM) Chapter, providing an alternative payment methodology for MAT services for opioid use disorder (OUD) and ancillary services.
- Develop and disseminate comprehensive perinatal care practice standards, including universal screening and plans of safe care for pregnant women using substances and infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS).
- Increase SUD provider capacity through education, communication, and collaboration with clear cut MAT policies for providers and their team.

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\(^1\) 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.