

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

**State Medicaid Agency:** Virginia

**Key Focus Populations:** Pregnant and postpartum women; and justice involved individuals

**Funding Amount:** \$4,831,341

**Program Areas of Focus<sup>1</sup>:** The information below summarizes the grantee's initial areas of focus through the planning grant awards, which are to:

- Gather information on Medicaid members with substance use disorder (SUD), provider capacity, gaps in treatment, and barriers to SUD treatment and other related services (Hepatitis C treatment, HIV treatment, and access to naloxone).
- Use strength-based (“Brightspot”) assessment to determine communities with positive health indicators regarding SUD treatment and understand what community-level supports promote positive health outcomes among members with SUD.
- Increase the capacity of potential and current addiction treatment providers, expand medication assisted treatment and peer recovery support specialist availability, and develop procedures around effective referral practices and linkages to community-based care.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.