

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

State Medicaid Agency: Washington

Key Focus Populations: Pregnant, postpartum, prenatal women, and infants (including those with neonatal abstinence syndrome); adolescents and transition age young adults between the ages of 12 and 26; persons who receive services at Syringe Services Programs (SSPs); American Indian and Alaska Natives (AI/AN); justice-involved persons; and individuals experiencing homelessness

Funding Amount: \$3,872,766

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 current state of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support service needs to determine the extent to which providers are needed to address the SUD treatment and recovery support service needs of Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Construct clinical and administrative metrics related to the utilization and effectiveness of care across levels of care and SUD treatment and recovery support service models to measure utilization and effectiveness of services.
- Conduct provider surveys and convene 12 focus groups at locations throughout the state to gather information related to SUD treatment and recovery services.
- Review clinical effectiveness of non-pharmacologic SUD treatment and recovery interventions to help inform the development of performance metrics, inclusion in payment bundles, and identification of technical assistance needs for providers.
- Develop SUD treatment and recovery supports alternative payment model (APM) to further align existing strategies prioritizing APMs that strengthen whole person care, incentivize social factors, and further integrate physical and behavioral health services (including SUD).
- Compile a roadmap that synthesizes findings of all assessment, survey, and research activities and serves as the implementation plan to drive improved coordination and integration with clinical and mental health services as well as statewide improvements in SUD treatment and recovery support services.

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.