

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

**State Medicaid Agency:** West Virginia

**Key Focus Populations:** Ages 12-21; pregnant and post-partum women; and rural population

**Funding Amount:** \$2,204,124

**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:

- Conduct a systematic and comprehensive needs assessment in the areas of mental health and substance use disorder (SUD) treatment with emphasis on the key focus populations. Findings from the assessment will inform and create a planning process on strategies to increase provider capacity. WV Bureau for Medical Services will use resources from the cooperative agreement to strengthen West Virginia's data infrastructure and capacity.
- Develop tools for ongoing quality improvement, pregnant and postpartum women and their infants; and rural West Virginians.
- Monitor the alignment of needs and capacity over time.
- Consider approaches for increasing capacity including enhanced reimbursement, alternative payment models, alternative service delivery models, practice change facilitation, provider education and training, increased coordination, and attention to the social determinants of health.
- Develop a WV model of the Center of Excellence for Addiction Treatment.
- Expand infrastructure for telehealth, mobile apps, and other technological solutions.
- Provide technical assistance and trainings for providers serving the key focus populations.

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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.