IAP | Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program

Reducing Substance Use Disorders - Technical Support for Medicaid Agencies Opioid Data Analytics Cohort & Additional Opportunities

Program Overview

Background

The Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) is a collaboration between the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services (CMCS) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI) designed to build state capacity and support ongoing innovation in Medicaid. The Medicaid IAP provides targeted support to states' ongoing delivery system reform efforts across four priority program areas: (1) reducing substance use disorders; (2) improving care for Medicaid beneficiaries with complex care needs and high costs; (3) promoting community integration through long-term services and supports, and (4) supporting physical/mental health integration. IAP also provides support in four functional areas, which IAP sees as the building blocks to delivery system reform: (1) data analytics, (2) quality measurement, (3) value-based payment and financial simulations, and (4) performance improvement.

Overview

In its fourth year of supporting states to strengthen and improve their substance use disorder (SUD) delivery systems, IAP SUD has designed multiple state-to-state learning collaboratives and individualized technical support opportunities across a set of topics identified by states as top priorities for their efforts to combat the opioid crisis. This year's technical support opportunities are based on IAP's prior experiences with the High-Intensity Learning Collaborative, national learning webinars, the CDC-CMCS-SAMHSA State Opioid Workshop and our ongoing efforts to support section 1115 SUD proposals.

The purpose of this Program Overview is to inform states about the technical support opportunities available under the Medicaid IAP Reducing Substance Use Disorder program area in 2018. In addition, IAP is soliciting interest from states for participation in an Opioid Data Analytics collaborative learning opportunity.

Opioid Data Analytics Cohort (April 2018-September 2018)

IAP is offering a new opportunity to support up to 12 states that are in the initial stages of examining their SUD data. There are three inter-related areas of focus for the Opioid Data Analytics Cohort which will run sequentially from April 2018-September 2018:

1. Opioid use disorder (OUD);
2. Medication-assisted treatment (MAT); and/or
3. Neo-natal abstinence syndrome (NAS) and OUD care for pregnant women in the Medicaid program.

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Participation is geared towards states that are in the early stages of conducting analyses to size and stratify their opioid problem, assess the distribution and availability of MAT, and understand the size and characteristics of NAS and opioid-related maternity care in Medicaid. The Opioid Data Analytics Cohort is comprised of three primary components that run sequentially and are designed to build on one another.

- **The first component** will focus on sizing and stratifying the magnitude of the opioid epidemic within the Medicaid population. Throughout this component, participating states will receive tools and resources including: a data template; diagnosis and procedure codes for identifying OUD in Medicaid claims; and ongoing technical support. The aim of the OUD component is to help states better understand the scope of the opioid problem in Medicaid programs, the expenditure patterns of the OUD population, and the characteristics of the affected population across key dimensions, including age, gender and other demography, in order to better inform data-driven strategies and support development of targeted interventions.

- **The second component** will focus on assessing the availability and distribution of MAT within the state's Medicaid program. Throughout this component, participating states will receive tools and technical resources including: value sets to identify MAT utilization in Medicaid claims; table shells; a list of all buprenorphine-waivered practitioners in the state; and ongoing technical support. The aim of the MAT component is to better understand the characteristics of MAT in the state across key dimensions, including geography, participation in Medicaid of buprenorphine-waivered practitioners, penetration rates, caseloads of waivered practitioners and utilization of concomitant services such as individual or group counseling or other types of recovery supports, in order to better inform data-driven strategies and support states to improve access and quality of care.

- **The third component** will focus on assessing the size and characteristics of NAS and opioid-related maternity care within the state's Medicaid program. During this component, states will receive tools and technical support, including table shells and value sets to identify NAS care to infants and OUD maternity care to women. The aim of the NAS component is to help states understand where treatment occurs, what type of OUD maternity care and NAS treatment are utilized, and costs to Medicaid, in order to better inform data-driven strategies and support development of targeted interventions.

If a state seeks to analyze data for Medicaid beneficiaries who have specific co-morbid mental or physical health diagnoses in addition to OUD, or seek to conduct additional, state-specific analyses, then the state should note that in its Expression of Interest form.

The Opioid Data Analytics Cohort will consist of facilitated state-to-state discussion opportunities of regular frequency to share progress, challenges, analytical findings, and results based on the analytics produced by participating states. Since the three components in this cohort are meant to build on one another, states are encouraged to participate in all three components of the work. However, it is understood that some states may, for example, have already sized and stratified the population impacted by the opioid epidemic, thus finding it duplicative to engage in the first component.

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Commitment

Participating states will commit to:

- Identify staff who will remain involved as core participants throughout the Cohort;
- Include both program experts and data experts in the Cohort team composition;
- Develop a brief action plan describing the aim, target audience, data use plan and proposed action items following the Cohort (the action plan will be produced during the initial stages of the Cohort);
- Perform the data analytic activities offered through the Cohort; and
- Participate in regular cross-state discussion opportunities to discuss progress, analytical findings and intended next steps.

State Selection Criteria

- Commitment from the State Medicaid Director;
- Designation of a senior leader from the Medicaid agency as the team lead, who will oversee and be accountable for the state's participation;
- Core team of at least one program expert and one data expert who have access to data;
- Inclusion of team members from the state's single state agency for substance abuse;
- Ability to clearly articulate technical support needs;
- Capacity to begin work shortly after selection for technical support; and
- Assurance that team members will have sufficient time and resources for this effort.

Additional Opportunities for States

Medicaid IAP also offers opportunities for technical support related to other SUD-related topics. States can request technical support to address specific targeted questions or to a set of issues that enable states to design, implement, and improve their SUD delivery systems. IAP welcomes states to participate in the collaborative learning opportunity outlined in the previous section as well as in these individualized technical support opportunities.

With the exception of the Data Dashboards Flash Track and the MAT Quality Metrics Affinity Group (described below), there is no deadline for the following technical support opportunities. Additional information about these individualized technical support opportunities is also available on the IAP SUD website.

- **Data Dashboards Flash Track:** The Data Dashboards Flash Track, which will run from June 2018-September 2018, will be offered in a subsequent Program Overview and Expression of Interest (EOI) that will be available in March 2018. The Data Dashboards Flash Track is geared to states interested in participating in a mini-course with the end goal of producing a data dashboard on SUD/opioids in their Medicaid program. The Track will consist of collaborative learning opportunities on how to construct and use a data dashboard, ongoing technical support and facilitated state-to-state discussions to share progress, challenges, and review data dashboards produced by other participating states.

- **MAT Quality Metrics Affinity Group:** An MAT Quality Metrics Affinity Group may be offered to states interested in cross-state discussion regarding existing or potential MAT quality measures

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that could be adopted or adapted to help states evaluate the quality of Medicaid-financed MAT. Participation will be targeted to states seeking exposure to other states around MAT metrics selection and implementation. The target audience is Medicaid medical directors and other staff responsible for the agency's quality improvement activities. Based on available resources, IAP may offer this opportunity to states in spring/summer 2018 via a subsequent Program Overview and Expression of Interest form.

- **Rapid Response on Best Practices:** This individualized technical support opportunity will provide rapid (3 to 5 business days) turnaround written responses to state requests for strong examples of state Medicaid SUD activities. The Rapid Response on Best Practices opportunity can assist states to identify specific state examples, facilitate connections to existing relevant resource materials, and connect states to other states to pursue discussions on topic related to SUD delivery system reform such as data analytics, managed care contracting, quality measurement, value-based payment, MAT service and payment design, and provider network assessments.

- **MAT Model/Payment Design:** This individualized technical support opportunity will provide direct technical support to states interested in designing comprehensive MAT service delivery models and corresponding payment approaches. IAP SUD has readily available technical resources and is developing additional resources for states seeking information on service delivery models and corresponding rate design tools for the provision of MAT to individuals with opioid dependence.

- **1115 SUD Strategic Design Support:** This individualized technical support opportunity will provide strategic design support to states interested in developing section 1115 SUD proposals and implementation plans as described in the November 1, 2017 State Medicaid Director letter.

Next Steps

Opioid Data Analytics Cohort: If your state is interested in participating in this opportunity, send a completed Expression of Interest form to sudcms@us.ibm.com by February 28, 2018 midnight ET. Expressions of Interest forms can be found on the Reducing Substance Use Disorders page on Medicaid.gov.

Additional technical support opportunities described in this Program Overview:
Information about the Data Dashboards Flash Track Group will be available in a subsequent Expression of Interest form in March 2018.

If your state is interested in receiving any of the other individualized technical support outlined under the *Additional Opportunities* section, email sudcms@us.ibm.com with your state information and a description type of support requested (e.g., Rapid Response, 1115 strategic design support, MAT Model/Payment Design). IAP will offer these types of individualized technical support activities throughout 2018, based on available resources. States may request to receive technical support in more than one area.

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