

RFA: BHCC Program Innovation and Fiscal Sustainability (OASAS)

OVERVIEW

On August 1st, the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS) released a Request for Applications (RFA) to support Behavioral Health Care Collaboratives (BHCCs) in addressing opioid use disorder (OUD) and ensuring that staff are trained to provide rapid OUD care. Up to \$1.75 million in total funding will be allocated to up to seven BHCCs to help them implement best practices for the treatment of OUD through programmatic restructuring, workforce training, and achieving financial sustainability through payment models such as episodic or bundled payments.

Funding will be contingent on BHCCs meeting implementation metrics and outcome measures. BHCCs who receive funding must aim to implement the following OUD best practices:

- Same-day appointment access;
- Initiation of medication assisted treatment (MAT) for new OUD admissions within 48 hours; and
- Continuity of care from acute inpatient withdrawal management, inpatient rehabilitation, or residential care to community-based OUD treatment services.

The full RFA is attached. Applications are due on August 30th.

FUNDING

OASAS anticipates awarding up to \$250,000 each to up to seven BHCCs through this RFA. Funds may be used to train staff and invest in the existing workforce, but not to hire additional new staff. BHCCs must submit quarterly reports on metrics and completion of activities in order to receive funds throughout the grant year.

OASAS has received these funds from a State Opioid Response (SOR) grant awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Funding for this project ends on September 29, 2020.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Applicants must be BHCCs, which are provider networks currently receiving funding through the New York State Behavioral Health Value Based Payment (BH VBP) Readiness Program. Only one application from each BHCC will be accepted.

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

Successful applicants will be required to achieve core activities within a 12-month period, which include, but are not limited to:

- Identifying a “change team” to develop and implement a continuous quality improvement plan and which include at least one senior staff member from the following:
 - The BHCC;
 - An inpatient and withdrawal management inpatient program;
 - An outpatient and Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) service provider; and
 - At least one Medicaid managed care plan.
- Educating all program staff on implementation of rapid access to MAT;
- Reviewing service mix and population need for the provider network;
- Creating a cross-network plan to increase the number of individuals initiated and continued on MAT;
- Reviewing and restructuring each network provider’s current workflows, from the admission process through treatment and discharge; and
- Revising fiscal models to align with programmatic restructuring and to maximize revenue.

APPLICATION

Proposals will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Statement of Need/Needs Assessment (10 points)
- Service Delivery (42 points)
- Management and Staffing Plan (20 points)
- Required Activities (28 points)

Timeline

Applications must be mailed and received by August 30th. Application packages, which must include one original and four copies of the complete application, should be submitted to the following address:

Faith Schlesinger
Division of Outcome Management and System Information
New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services
Fourth Floor
1450 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203
ATTN – State Opioid Response: BHCC Innovation

Questions should be submitted by August 9th to SOR@oasas.ny.gov with “SOR – RFA BHCC Innovation” in the subject line. Written responses to all inquiries will be posted to the OASAS website on or about August 16th. Awarded applications are anticipated to be announced on September 13th.