

DIVISION OF MH/DD/SAS



The NC Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Planning Grant



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Overview



Legislative Mandate

- Section 223 “Demonstration Programs to Improve Community Mental Health Services” of the PAMA Act
- Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (H.R. 4302)
- Enacted on April 1, 2014



Populations Served

- Adults with serious mental illness
- Children with serious emotional disturbance
- Those with long term and serious substance use disorders
- Others with mental illness and substance use disorders



Section 223 Requirements

- Establish and publish criteria for certification for clinics to enable them to participate in a demonstration program
- Issue guidance on the development of a Prospective Payment System to be tested during the demonstration program
- Award planning grants to develop proposals for participation in the two-year demonstration program



Certification Criteria

- Developed by SAMHSA
- Focuses on the following areas:
 - Staffing
 - Availability of Services
 - Care Coordination
 - Scope of Services
 - Quality/Other reporting
 - Organizational Authority, Governance, and Accreditation



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Prospective Payment System (PPS)

- Guidance prepared by CMS
- States select one of two PPS rate methodologies.
 - CC PPS-1
 - FQHC-like PPS that provides reimbursement of cost on a daily basis; optional bonus payments for meeting defined quality metrics
 - CC PPS Alternative (CC PPS-2)
 - monthly unit of payment; quality bonus payments required



The Demonstration Program

- All states awarded the CCBHC Planning Grants are expected to apply for the demonstration program
- Eight states will be selected for the demonstration program
- Selected states will bill Medicaid under a CMS-approved PPS for behavioral health services provided to Medicaid-eligible individuals



The NC CCBHC Planning Project

- A collaboration between DMHDDSAS and DMA
- Awarded to DMHDDSAS in October 2015 for a one-year period
- Total award = \$978,401



The NC CCBHC Planning Project, continued

- Funds will be used for the following:
 - Personnel (Project Director, Evaluator, Research/Administrative Assistant)
 - Development of PPS/consultation with actuarial agency
 - Development of data collection/reporting methodologies
 - Development of electronic health records
 - Training on EBPs
 - Certification process
 - Marketing/Training/Information Dissemination



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MAJOR PROJECT ACTIVITIES



A. Solicit Input

- Establish a steering committee to guide and provide input
- Conduct outreach, recruit and engage the population(s) of focus in the solicitation of input
- Coordinate activities with other local, state, federal agencies and tribes to ensure that services are accessible and available



B. CCBHC CERTIFICATION

- Construct an instrument to determine the extent to which the community behavioral health clinic or FQHC meets each of the specified criteria for certification
- Determine selection process
- Establish an objective panel of experts who will rate applicants on the eligibility criteria and make their recommendations to the State
- Conduct a needs assessment of the catchment area where the community behavioral health center or federally qualified health center (FQHC) operates;



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B. CCBHC CERTIFICATION (continued)

- Certify at least two community behavioral health clinics (one rural, one urban)
- Assist clinics with meeting certification standards



C. Establish PPS Methodology

- Obtain guidance from SAMHSA/CMS
- Consult with LME/MCOs
- Consult with an actuarial agency



D. CCBHC Services

- Crisis mental health services, including 24-hour mobile crisis teams, emergency crisis intervention services and crisis stabilization
- Screening, assessment and diagnosis, including risk assessment
- Patient-centered treatment planning, including risk assessment and crisis planning
- Outpatient mental health and substance use services



D. CCBHC Services, continued

- Outpatient clinic primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators and health risk
- Targeted case management
- Psychiatric rehabilitation services
- Peer support and counselor services and family supports
- Intensive, community-based mental health care for members of the armed forces and veterans



E. Data Collection

- Develop/enhance data collection and reporting capacity to meet grant program requirements
- Use a cost report format that is developed to conform to CMS guidance, collect cost reports from CCBHCs
- Assist CCBHCs with preparing to use data to inform and support continuous quality improvement processes within CCBHCs



F. National Evaluation of Demonstration Program

- Collaborate with the national evaluation planning team
- Construct a comparison group
- Obtain Institutional Review Board approval as necessary



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G. Proposal for Demonstration Program

- Submit a proposal to participate in the demonstration program
- Proposals are due by October 31, 2016



Next Steps

- Hire Project Director
- Hire Research/Administrative Associate
- Convene Steering Committee
- Staff Planning Groups
 - PPS
 - Data Collection and Evaluation
 - Certification
 - Statewide Coordination



For more information

- <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements-2016>
- FOA# - SM-16-001