

**Questions related to the Emergency Department Grant – Request for Applicants
Number MHA-18-MEDDIR-EmergencyDept-23**

Q: There were general statements on the eligibility requirement related to having an average of at least 120 emergency department admissions due to SUD/ODD per month.

A: This requirement has been changed and now reads *“Hospital applicants are required to have an emergency department that has an average of at least 50 emergency department admissions due to SUD/ODD per month. Applicable admissions may result in discharge from the emergency department or admission into an inpatient setting.”*

Q: Can a partnering behavioral health care organization be the applicant for this grant?

A: No, this grant is only available to accredited hospitals and located in counties identified through the 21st Century Cures Grant Application as Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties.

Q: The grant states that treatment for addiction will start in the ER. If the hospital has a partnership with community based detox unit where clients can be admitted 24/7 would that satisfy the intent?

A: No, the hospital system must be able to offer some form of MAT in the ED setting. OhioMHAS is trying to build system wide MAT capacity in all settings, and this grant is geared toward those institutions willing to begin that practice.

Q: Can the awardee use the grant award dollars to sub-lease an employee from an entity who has expertise in the addiction and behavioral health space? If so, does that entity need to be identified in the application?

A: Yes, however, we would encourage applicants to talk about the sustainability of this practice after the grant ends. Please identify if you are going to use funds this way in your application.

Q: Can the care coordinator/manager be a part-time employee?

A: No, the employee must be full-time. The employee can be reduced to part-time after the grant is discontinued.

Q: If awards are announced mid-August, with a go-live date by September 1, will awardees have to have already identified the care manager candidate prior to award announcement?

A: The care coordinator must start services at your organization by October 1, 2017.

Q: If state funds related to the grant must be obligated by April 30, 2018, does that mean that the awardee must find new funds as of May 1, 2018 to continue to pay the salary of the care coordinator at that time?

A: Yes, the hospital must find a new funding stream for the applicant. This grant was only meant to be a seed grant to allow hospitals establish a new service and then continue billing the service

through other means. OhioMHAS will be working with the Ohio Department of Medicaid to clarify new billing codes for care coordination in ED and other settings.

Q: If a Tier 1 county applies for this grant, but the area has 2 hospital ED's that are utilized for bed space for detox and SUD's, with one hospital being located in the Tier 1 county and the other in a Tier 3 county, can the case manager role be Fulltime and serve both hospitals? The distance between the two locations is less than 15 miles. Please advise.

A: Yes, that arrangement would be fine. Please clarify this situation in the grant application.

Q: Is there a required match for this application?

A: No, there is no required match.