



Application for Emergency Department Grant

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Funding period: July 20, 2018-April 30, 2019

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RFA PURPOSE

The 21st Century Cures Act was passed by Congress and signed into law in late 2016. It is designed to modernize health care through enhanced innovation, research and communication, leading to better patient outcomes. The Act also makes available to states new funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to combat the prescription opioid and heroin crisis. SAMHSA's State Targeted Response (STR) project funding will provide over \$970 million to states and territories over FY 2017 and 2018. Ohio received over \$26 million dollars per year in SFY 2018 and SFY 2019.

Ohio's Opioid STR Project goals focus on building a community system of care (prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery support) that emphasizes service integration between physical health care, emergency health care, behavioral health care, criminal justice, and child welfare. Strategies and activities undertaken for this effort build upon Ohio's on-going efforts to address the opioid epidemic and are designed to reduce overdose deaths and enhance the ability of individuals with opioid use disorder to receive treatment using evidence-based approaches. This focus represents a high-impact opportunity to strengthen Ohio's comprehensive response to the state's opioid issues.

In SFY 2018, OhioMHAS funded case management positions in three (3) hospital emergency department settings. In SFY 2019, OhioMHAS is providing another round of funding to the three existing emergency departments and will fund case management positions in up two (2) additional hospital emergency department settings to coordinate clinical care for persons with substance use disorders including opioid use disorders (SUD/ODU). Case managers will engage behavioral health physicians, primary care physicians, or physician specialists (e.g., obstetric/gynecological) to provide interim medication assisted treatment (MAT) if immediate entrance to an office-based opioid treatment program (OBOT), opioid treatment program (OTP), or residential program offering MAT is not available. Case managers will follow up with patients and treatment programs to monitor whether there is follow-through with treatment.

ED PROGRAM - SCOPE OF WORK

ED Model of Care

Each awardee will help create a seamless system of care in which patients with SUD/ODU can be quickly referred to a variety of professionals. Awardees are required to offer MAT induction with buprenorphine or naltrexone in emergency department settings through physicians on staff or through telemedicine. Patients that request methadone must be referred to a federally licensed opioid treatment program that can offer methadone.

Role of the Case Manager

Each awardee will hire a case manager for the purpose of coordinating clinical care for persons with SUDs/ODUs. Case managers will engage behavioral health physicians, primary care physicians, or physician specialists (e.g., obstetric) to provide interim medication assisted treatment (MAT) if immediate entrance to an office-based opioid treatment program (OBOT), opioid treatment program (OTP), or residential program offering MAT is not available. Case managers will offer patients release of information forms, so that they can follow up with patients and treatment and withdrawal management programs to monitor whether there is follow-through with treatment. If patients do not follow through with treatment, case managers will encourage them to participate in harm reduction programs (e.g., Project DAWN) and offer assistance with service linkage if requested in the future. Additionally, case managers will link them with any local, state, or federal community resources that they may need.

Access to Buprenorphine Induction

Awardees must have a prescriber available to provide buprenorphine induction to all patients that come into the emergency department at any time. Prescribers may include physicians, nurse practitioners, and/or physician assistants. Applicants that do not currently meet this requirement, must demonstrate and carryout plans to meet this requirement within three months upon receiving the award. OhioMHAS offers free live and online DATA 2000 Waiver trainings. Additional training information can be found here: <http://workforce.mha.ohio.gov/Workforce-Development/Health-Professionals/Cures-Act-Prescriber-MAT-Training>

Awardees will be required to document that every OUD patient was offered MAT induction. For patients who are not induced on MAT, awardee must have a documented reason why the patient was not induced (e.g. patient refusal).

Participation in Ohio Opiate MAT Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes)

OhioMHAS is sponsoring a continuing education ECHO focused on MAT Emergency Department prescribers. Project ECHO utilizes telecommunication technology to link clinicians with expert healthcare professionals to provide medical education and case-based learning. Awardees will be required to have at least one waived prescriber from their participating emergency department to engage in the Ohio Opiate MAT Project ECHO opportunity. The Emergency Department ECHO will be offered on a weekly basis every other month. Awardees must have a prescriber that is willing to participate in a minimum of two, one hour ECHO sessions every other month. Additional details about the Ohio Opioid MAT ECHO can be found here: <http://workforce.mha.ohio.gov/Workforce-Development/Health-Professionals/Opiate-Project-ECHO-CMEs>

DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

As authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 5119.61, OhioMHAS will collect information and data from awardees. This information and data are outlined in the Reporting Requirements, which will be distributed with the Notices of Award. These Reporting Requirements will be available on the OhioMHAS website. Reporting requirements, such as expenditure reports and quarterly program summary reports, will be reviewed by OhioMHAS staff. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may be considered a breach of the funding award and shall result in further action by OhioMHAS.

Additional Data Collection

Other data required to be reported monthly from awardees include:

- Number of SUD/ODU patients admitted into emergency department and hospital inpatient settings stratified by sex, race, ethnicity, age, and tobacco use
- Number of SUD/ODU patients admitted into emergency department and hospital inpatient settings that are pregnant along with the estimated trimester of pregnancy
- Number of SUD/ODU patient referrals to hospital-based and community resources stratified by provider/service type
- Number of SUD/ODU patients induced on MAT stratified by type of MAT and dosage of MAT
- Number of OUD patients that were not induced on MAT stratified by the reason that the induction did not occur.

- Number of SUD/ODU patients following through with treatment referral,
- Number of contacts by case manager made to patients not following through with referral
- ASAM level of care provided to each patient.

Performance Assessment

The awardee is expected to participate in a performance assessment as needed including monthly reviews with OhioMHAS staff.

PROGRAM OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT

Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be accredited as hospitals by the Joint Commission, Det Norske Veritas Healthcare, or the American Osteopathic Association. Applicants must offer MAT induction and access to withdrawal management services. Hospital applicants are required to have an emergency department that has an average of at least 50 emergency department admissions due to SUD/ODU per month. Applicable admissions may result in discharge from the emergency department or admission into an inpatient setting. Applicants must have a prescriber available to provide buprenorphine induction to all OUD patients that come into the emergency department at any time or have a viable plan to meet this requirement within three months upon receiving the award. Applicants must be willing to have one prescriber participate in the Ohio Opioid MAT ECHO Project.

Permissible Use of Funds: Costs may be related to the salary for one case manager to coordinate clinical care for persons with SUDs/ODUs. Duties for case managers must involve only patients and activities related to SUDs/ODUs. Aside from care coordination, case managers may engage in related activities such as promoting training events to hospital staff about SUD/ODU, attending trainings and conferences about SUDs/ODUs, and working with staff to help coordinate services for patients with SUDs/ODUs in hospital settings other than the emergency department (e.g., psychiatric, obstetric/gynecological).

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Application page limit is eight, single-spaced pages in 12 point Times New Roman font. This page limit does NOT include the face sheet (Attachment 2), budget narrative, or budget expenditure form (Appendices 1 and 2). Applications must include the following:

A. Scope of Work

1. Face sheet (Attachment 2)
2. Abstract - Summary of how emergency department services will be implemented, role of case manager in coordinating clinical care for patients with SUDs/ODUs, and total amount of funding requested. (300 words or less)
3. Project Description- Provide a description of the proposed project that includes the following:
 - a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant.
 - b. Plans for implementation of MAT induction and withdrawal management when clinically appropriate. Description must incorporate plans to document all patients that are not

- provided MAT induction, indicating the reason why induction did not occur (such as patient refusal, etc.).
- c. Strategies for using case manager to coordinate care for patients who have SUD/OD. Applicants should discuss how case manager will link each patient with public and/or private resources in their own community of residence or as close to it as possible. Applicants should include mention of whether they have in place or plan to establish formal referral arrangements and/or contracts with behavioral health providers.
 - d. Plans for case manager to follow up with patients and treatment and withdrawal management programs to monitor whether there was follow-through with treatment, including strategies to encourage patients to attend these programs and/or engage patients in the future if patients are initially unwilling.
 - e. Plans to have a prescriber who can induce buprenorphine available to emergency department patients at all times or plans to meet this requirement within three months of the award.
 - f. Plan for at least one prescriber to participate in the Ohio Opiate MAT Project ECHO opportunity at least twice per month.
 - g. Plan for coordination of collection and reporting of data, including submitting monthly reports to OhioMHAS
 - h. Demonstration of hospital need for coordination of care of SUD/OD patients based on hospital patient data.
4. Budget Expenditure Form (Appendix 1) and Budget Narrative (Appendix 2) documenting implementation period funds. Applications must include a budget and budget narrative that identifies all costs to complete the project as described in the proposal, as well as how OhioMHAS funds, and other resources will be used.

B. RFA Questions and Updates

1. The Request for Proposal, accompanying documents and all questions and answers will be posted on the OhioMHAS website at: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=725>
2. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than **Friday, July 13, 2018 by 5:30PM** to OhioMHAS at: CURESTREATMENT@mha.ohio.gov
3. No questions will be answered after the deadline. You may **NOT** contact any OhioMHAS staff member directly with questions regarding this RFA. Contacting staff directly with questions could result in disqualification of an application.
4. Responses to all frequently asked questions (FAQ) will be posted to the OhioMHAS website at <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=725> and will be updated frequently.

C. Application Submission

1. All applications must be submitted electronically to: CURESTREATMENT@mha.ohio.gov by **Friday, July 20, 2018 at 5:30PM EDT**.
2. No faxed, mailed or hand carried applications will be accepted.

D. Award

1. Awards are expected to be announced in August for project implementation to begin no later than September 1, 2018.
2. All state fiscal year 2019 funds should be obligated by April 30, 2019. No cost extensions are permissible under any circumstances.
3. Grant awards will not exceed \$60,000.

Review Criterion	Points Possible
Scope of Work	
Abstract: Plan for implementation of ED services, description of role of case manager, and funding requested reflect a clear understanding of the 21 st Century CURES ED project	5
Project description components:	
a. Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant.	5
b. Plans for implementation of MAT induction and withdrawal management when clinically appropriate and plans to document all patients that are not provided MAT induction, indicating the reason why induction did not occur (such as patient refusal, etc.).	15
c. Strategies for using case manager to coordinate care for patients who have SUD/OD. Applicants should discuss how case manager will link each patient with public and/or private resources in their own community of residence or as close to it as possible. Applicants should include mention of whether they have in place or plan to establish formal referral arrangements and/or contracts with behavioral health providers.	15
d. Plans for case manager to follow up with patients and treatment and withdrawal management programs to monitor whether there was follow-through with treatment, including strategies to encourage patients to attend these programs and/or engage patients in the future if patients are initially unwilling.	10
e. Plans to have a prescriber who can induce buprenorphine available to emergency department patients at all times or plans to meet this requirement within three months of the award.	10
f. Plan for at least one prescriber to participate in the Ohio Opiate MAT Project ECHO opportunity at least twice per month.	
g. Plan for coordination of collection and reporting of data, including submitting monthly reports to OhioMHAS	5
h. Demonstration of hospital need for coordination of care of SUD/OD patients using patient data	10
Technical Score	75
Budget: Program cost is reasonable and realistic	10
Total Score	85
Rating Explanation	

0	Is Not Addressed. Application does not comply with the requirement and/or does not address expectations.
1-2	Weak. Application does not substantially meet the requirement and/or does not substantially meet expectations.
3-4	Meets. Application meets the requirement, and meets expectations.
5	Exceeds. Application exceeds the requirement and exceeds expectations.

Conditions of Award

- Awardee will work with OhioMHAS on all aspects of the 21st Century CURES ED project throughout the duration of this project.
- Awardee will attend required training, technical assistance and/or meetings as per SAMHSA and/or OhioMHAS request including monthly status meetings with the project director.
- As authorized in Ohio Revised Code Section 5119.61, OhioMHAS will collect information and data from awardee. Awardee will provide required information and data electronically, through online reporting systems. All information and data will be reviewed by project staff. Failure to comply with reporting requirements shall result in further action by OhioMHAS, which may include withholding of funds.
- The Department reserves the right to make no award, make an award for a lesser amount, make an alternative award for the specified project or make an award for a shorter duration. The Department reserves the right to ask clarifying questions, issue conditional awards, and negotiate a best and final proposal with one or more applicants(s). The Department reserves the right to waive errors and omissions that do not materially affect the application. Errors and omissions may result in lower evaluation scores or rejection of the application.
- Awardee will be solely responsible for reporting, withholding, and paying all employment related taxes, payments, and withholdings for his/her self and any personnel, including but not limited to: Federal, State, and local income taxes, social security, unemployment or disability deductions, withholdings, and payments.
- Awardee must execute OhioMHAS Agreement and Assurances upon Notice of Award. (For reference, a copy of the Agreement and Assurances can be found in Attachment 1).
- The Department reserves the right to change the conditions of the grant or discontinue the grant if money is not allocated to the states as expected or if the federal government changes the conditions of the federal grant.

Deadline for submission of all applications is July 20, 2018 by 5:30PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time to:
CURESTREATMENT@mha.ohio.gov