

Questions related to Emergency Department Grant Application

Number: **MHA-MEDDIR-EmerDep-45**

1. Q: Must the provider be DATA 2000 waived in order to begin the “induction process” for this RFA? ED’s throughout the country are using the “3-day rule” exception so that all Emergency Department physicians can administer buprenorphine/naloxone for the management of acute withdrawal. Linkage to appropriate opioid MAT programs has had a high success rate with this model.

A: Grantees may utilize the three day rule to prescribe MAT as long as there is adequate linkage to an appropriate treatment program that is equipped to continue MAT seamlessly. However, grantees must also have at least one waived prescriber within their Emergency Department staff to help ensure additional expertise is available to staff that have not yet received their waiver. Applicants that do not currently have a waived prescriber within their Emergency Department, must provide a viable plan to do so within 90 days of the grant award. Grantees must have the ability to offer Buprenorphine induction to all eligible patients that come into the Emergency Department at any time.

2. Q: Can community mental health agencies apply for the grant for adding two local hospitals case management (ED Grant)? We would employ the staff to work in the hospitals.

A: No, this grant is only open to hospital emergency departments, however, an awardee may contract with a behavioral health provider to staff the case manager using the grant funds.

3. Q: Are there already developed OhioMHAS forms that are used or will be used for awardees of this grant to submit the required data monthly? If they are already developed, can/will they be published on the grant website?

A: Yes, the data tracking forms have now been added to the documents section of this funding opportunity.

4. Q: What day of the month will the data be required to be submitted?

A: Monthly data reports are required to be submitted on the 10th of each month and must include data from the previous month (i.e. August data would be due September 10th).

5. Q: Is this grant renewable in upcoming years or is this startup funding?

A: At this time, there is not a plan to renew this grant in upcoming years. The main objective of this grant is to assist Emergency Departments in increasing access to medication assisted treatment. The hope is that funding for a case manager will better equip grantees with the assistance they need to initiate the MAT induction process so that they can continue these services following the end of the grant funding.

6. Q: What would ongoing funding look like if/when an Emergency Department starts up a second site location or a free standing Emergency Department? Will there be expansion grant funding available?

A: At this time, there is not expansion grant funding available.

7. Q: Since MAT induction and/or access to withdrawal management services must be available, can the position be for 2 full time case manager positions, 2 part-time case manager positions, or as staffing patterns are needed?

A: Yes.

8. Q: Can funding be used for travel, conference/training expenses, and/or supervision of the case coordinator?

A: Funding cannot be used for travel or conference/training expenses. Funds can be used for supervision of the case coordinator.

9. Q: The RFA says the funding period is June 20, 2018 through April 30, 2019? Is this time period correct, even though the applications are not due until July 20th?

A: The funding period will begin when the selected awardees enter their application into the OhioMHAS Grants Fiscal Management System (GFMS), per direction of the OhioMHAS. The grant will run through April 30, 2019.

10. Q: Does the ECHO requirement involve just participating in the weekly education and case-based learning, or does the prescriber have to provide mentoring in this program, or leadership in these weekly education sessions?

A: Awardees must have a prescriber participate in at least two ECHO sessions per month. The prescriber is not required to provide any mentoring or leadership in the ECHO sessions.

11. Q: The RFA says, "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." What do you define as "immediate" entrance? Is that within 24 hours of the patient's admission to the Emergency Department, or is it some other time frame?

A: For the purpose of this grant, "immediate" is defined as, as soon as the patient is medically appropriate for induction to MAT. Awardees must have the ability to provide Buprenorphine induction to all patients (as appropriate to the patient's need, willingness, and medical applicability) prior to their release from the Emergency Department to facilitate direct access to MAT and to offer a more seamless transition from the Emergency Department to a treatment program.

12. Q: Would all (or only a portion) of grant funding be 'federal dollars'? If partially State or other funded, can you provide the details of how this funding is apportioned between sources (Ohio vs. federal vs. other funds)?

A: All funding for this grant is provided through federal dollars by SAMHSA.

13. Q: On Page 5, Section 14 of the Assurances, it states that, "the SUB-AWARDEE agrees to comply with all applicable Ohio and Federal confidentiality, privacy and security laws and regulations, including HIPAA, 42 CFR Part 2,[...]" Can you confirm whether acceptance of these grant funds would automatically implicate the awardee's MAT process as being a Part II program? Or is this requirement in Section 14 instead stating that IF Part II records existed, that we would treat any Part II records appropriately.

A: Acceptance of the grant funds does not automatically implicate the awardee as being a Part 2 program.

***Disclaimer: Only non-profit organizations may apply for this grant opportunity, for-profit agencies are not eligible for funding awards through the state grant system.