

Reducing Substance Use Disorders

In July 2014, CMS launched a collaborative initiative between the Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation called the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP). The goal of IAP is to improve the care and health for Medicaid beneficiaries and reduce costs by supporting states' ongoing payment and service delivery reforms. IAP is a unique commitment to ensure Medicaid's presence in CMS' wide ranging efforts to support system-wide payment and delivery system reform innovation. The first IAP priority area began in February 2015 and focuses on individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs). This priority area supports states to introduce policy, program, and payment reforms to better identify individuals with SUD, expand coverage for effective SUD treatment, enhance SUD care delivered to beneficiaries, and develop payment mechanisms for SUD services that incentivize better outcomes. IAP will also work with states in other health care delivery system reform efforts in three additional priority areas: improving care for Medicaid beneficiaries with complex needs and high costs, community integration using long-term services and supports, and integration of physical and mental health care.

High Intensity Learning Collaborative (HILC) Activities

Through HILC, IAP provides resources that enable states to introduce policy and infrastructure reforms to effectively treat SUD. Seven states participate in the HILC: Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington. Using a cadre of experts, IAP offers each participating state technical support from experts in the field to tailor solutions around its own needs. These states have defined measurable goals as part of their participation and have a range of resources to assist them, including virtual monthly meetings, in-person workshops, and one-on-one technical support. Examples of the seven states' foci include:

- Exploring options for creating access to the full continuum of care (based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine Criteria) through Medicaid funding
- Using common measures to provide information, drive quality improvements, and track the impact of interventions
- Identifying women and children at risk for SUD and neonatal addiction syndrome
- Developing pay-for-performance models incentivizing better SUD care
- Developing primary care medical homes for individuals with SUD
- Increasing engagement in treatment and improving care transitions

Targeted Learning Opportunity (TLO) Activities

IAP designed a second set of SUD-related support to states. TLO is designed to meet the needs of more states across a broader group of topics. TLO activities center on a monthly web-based learning series and follow-up "deeper dive" sessions for states interested in developing strategies to improve their SUD service systems and implement delivery system reform. During TLO webinars, states learn from and engage in discussions with some of the nation's most prominent SUD experts and obtain insights from other state Medicaid agencies through peer-based learning sessions designed to facilitate the spread of successful SUD delivery reform.

TOPIC AREAS FOR CURRENT TLO STATES

- Strategies for sharing information that are consistent with 42 CFR Part 2
- Integration of primary care and SUD services
- Payment reform and managed care contracting
- Medicaid eligibility for SUD providers
- Program integrity enhancement

National Dissemination

In order to share what IAP is learning about SUD delivery system reform with an even broader set of states and stakeholders, IAP will package relevant materials, including webinars, lessons learned, and other resources developed for the High-Intensity Learning Collaborative and Targeted Learning Opportunities.



CONTACT: If your state is interested in learning more about the Medicaid's IAP SUD Program, email MedicaidIAP@cms.hhs.gov. Additional information on how to participate in the SUD learning series is outlined on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services [IAP SUD webpage](#).