

Informational Webinar: Notice of Funding Opportunity for New Community-Based Behavioral Health Services

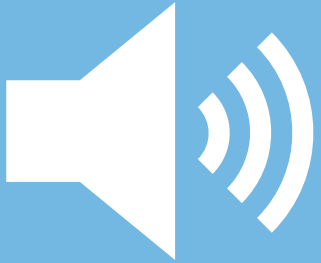
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Agenda

- Overview of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA)
- Overview of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
- NOFO Application Process
- Allowable Costs
- Timelines



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Overview of ARPA Initiative

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) provided qualifying states with a temporary increase to the federal medical assistance percentage. States are required to supplement state funds expended for Medicaid Home and Community Based Services under the Medicaid program.

Under the ARPA initiative, HFS has released millions of dollars in funds to increase access to Home and Community Based Services for Illinois Medicaid enrollees.



Overview of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

This NOFO provides \$25 million dollars targeted toward two distinct initiatives:

Initiative One: Opening new Behavioral Health Clinics (BHC) or Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) sites in underserved areas of the state

Initiative Two: Existing BHC or CMHC sites who want to expand the Medicaid Community-Based Behavioral Services (CBS) they offer, emphasizing access to intensive and team-based services

This is a one-time, non-recurring competitive grant opportunity for one-time costs.



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One-Time Competitive Award

- All complete applications received prior to the close of the application period will be reviewed and scored.
- Awards will be provided to highest scoring applications.
- Depending on number of applications scored, the award amount may be less, but not greater than, the requested award amount.



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Overview of Initiative One: New Behavioral Health Providers

Requesting to establish a new BHC or CMHC site

- May be brand new to the Medicaid service delivery system
- May have an existing CMHC or BHC enrollment *for a different site/location than the one included in the application*
- Cannot have an approved IMPACT enrollment for the requested site with an approval date prior to the date of application submission

Total Award Amount: \$15 million

Award Range: \$100,000 - \$3,000,000



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Overview of Initiative Two: New Behavioral Health Services

Funds are to support existing CMHC or BHC sites with an active IMPACT enrollment who want to expand the Medicaid CBS they offer, emphasizing intensive and team-based services

- Must have an approved IMPACT enrollment for the site as of the date of application submission
- Must be seeking to expand access to existing or new services

Total Award Amount: \$10 million

Award Range: \$10,000 – \$1,000,000



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Examples of Intensive and Team-Based Services

- Assertive Community Treatment
- Community Support Team
- Violence Prevention Community Support Team
- Pathways to Success Services
 - Care Coordination and Support for uncovered Designated Service Areas
 - Intensive-Home Based
 - Respite
 - Therapeutic Mentoring
 - Family Peer Support
- Adaptive Behavioral Support Services (ABS)



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Which Initiative Should I Apply For?

- Do you have an existing CMHC or BHC enrollment for this site in IMPACT?
 - No: Initiative One
 - Yes: Initiative Two, if you are looking to expand your services array
- Are you an existing provider looking to open a new location?
 - Yes: Initiative One
- Unsure?: Email HFS.BBH@illinois.gov



General Applicant Eligibility

- Available to both current and new Medicaid providers
- Applicant is not currently debarred from receiving federal funds
- Applicant must complete any relevant program approvals within 8 months of receiving the award
- Applicant will operate the CMHC, BHC, or new services in accordance with all applicable standards in Rule 132, Rule 140, Rule 141, the Community-based Behavioral Services Handbook, and other HFS policy guidelines



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General Applicant Eligibility cont.

- Applicant must maintain CMHC, BHC or new service operations for a period of 36 months after receiving grant award
- Applicant agrees to coordinate service implementation and fully collaborate with the Care Coordination and Support Organization (CCSO) in the Designated Service Area
- Applicant will work in good faith with all MCOs to execute provider network agreements and offer services to each MCOs enrollees
- Applicant organization is currently financially sound and has long-term financial viability



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Application Timelines

- March 15, 2024, prior 12:00pm: Submit Notice of Interest to HFS.BBH@illinois.gov
- March 31, 2024, prior to 12:00pm: Application Submitted through COVID-19 Grants Portal
- Applications received after 12:00pm on March 31 will not be reviewed, scored, or considered by HFS
- Awards will be announced May 1, 2024, by HFS



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Application Process

1. Identify the Initiative(s) that you want to apply for
2. Send a Notice of Interest to HFS
3. Ernst & Young will generate access for the COVID-19 Grants Portal to the person identified in the Notice of Interest
4. Application must be submitted through the COVID-19 Grants Portal prior to application close



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Notice of Interest

- Send an email to HFS.BBH@illinois.gov
- Include:
 - Name
 - Organization Name
 - Email
 - Phone Number
- The contact person identified in the email should be the point of contact for your application and access to the COVID-19 Grants Portal



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Definition of Underserved Area

- HFS is using the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) definitions of a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) to identify underserved areas.
- For the purposes of identifying underserved areas for the NOFO, geographic and population HPSAs for mental health services are being used



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Allowable Costs

- Establishing Operations as a BHC, CMHC or provider of new services, including the development of program policies and procedures
- Staff hiring/retention bonuses and other staff recruitment efforts
- One-time costs of establishing or refurbishing office space
- Staffing costs during implementation, including attending required trainings
- One-time costs for purchasing or upgrading technology for new staff
- Printing/marketing costs to develop materials to be used in communication with community partners and families about new office locations and/or services
- Other costs that are expressly approved by the Department



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Review and Scoring Process

- Applications will be reviewed and scored by HFS using the criteria outlined in Section E of the NOFO
- Incomplete or late submissions will not be reviewed or scored
- The full scoring matrix is available in Section E of the NOFO



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Process after Award Announcements

1. HFS will announce awards to awardees on May 1, 2024, via email.
2. Awards will be made public following notice to awardees.
3. Awardees will be contacted via the COVID-19 Grants Portal to begin the contracting process
4. Effective dates for awards, including when funds can be allocated, will be outlined in the contracts
5. Funds must be expended by March 31, 2025, unless otherwise notified by HFS



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Available Technical Assistance for Awardees

- Technical assistance for the IMPACT enrollment process will be available to awardees through the Office of Medicaid Innovation (OMI)
- General technical assistance about participating in the Medicaid Program will be available through the Medicaid Technical Assistance Center



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Resources

- [Community-Based Behavioral Services Handbook](#)
- [Title 89 Administrative Code](#)
- [CBS Services FAQ](#)
- [HFS Provider Notices](#)
- [Medicaid CBH Policy Overview Slides](#)



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Questions



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