Opportunity for Behavioral Health Agencies to Apply for Expanded HIE Services

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), has obtained tentative approval for time-sensitive federal funding to expand the utilization of Health Information Exchange (HIE) services and functions among Ohio’s behavioral health provider network. (See more detail below about HIEs). This opportunity is focused on supporting behavioral and physical health integration through care coordination and data exchange. At this time, this technical assistance opportunity is limited to interested providers enrolled with Ohio Medicaid to render BOTH mental health and substance use disorder treatment to Medicaid beneficiaries. To move forward with this process, ODM requires additional information from interested agencies, specifically regarding their interest in HIEs and HIE services. Agency interest and information will be collected through completion of an “Agency Interest Survey”. (See more information below.)

Behavioral health provider agencies enrolled in MITS as provider types 84 AND 95 are encouraged to review the “Opportunity Detail” below.

Agencies interested in being considered for future participation or inclusion must complete the required “Agency Interest Survey” here no later than April 9, 2021 (11:30 PM).

An informational meeting regarding this funding opportunity will be held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Monday, April 5, 2021 from 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM. Staff of ODM, OhioMHAS, The Health Collaborative and CliniSync will summarize the funding opportunity and the HIE services and solutions that will be available for participating agencies to assist with care coordination. State staff will also review the “Agency Interest Survey” that will be required for any provider interested in being considered for future participation or inclusion in the HIE opportunity.

Microsoft Teams Link: Click here to join the meeting
Dial-In Phone Number: 614-721-2972
Conference ID: 591 368 333
Opportunity For Expanded HIE Services – Detail

Final approval of this opportunity will make available federally matched funding that ODM will use to support connections of community behavioral health (BH) agencies to one of Ohio’s two Health Information Exchanges, The Health Collaborative (HealthBridge) and CliniSync (Ohio Health Information Partnership). ODM will use approved funding to pay the HIEs to support the initial cost of new HIE Connections and technical assistance for specific set of services aimed to best support care coordination and data exchange. Program implementation is dependent on final CMS approvals and continued availability of the federal funding source.

Participation in this opportunity is optional/voluntary. To qualify for participation, the agency must meet all requirements listed below, including completion of the Agency Interest Survey. **Expression of interest through completion of the “Agency Interest Survey” does not guarantee Participation in Program.**

Health Information Exchanges (HIEs)
The two HIEs in Ohio are The Health Collaborative (HealthBridge) and Ohio Health Information Partnership (CliniSync).

HIE Services
ODM and Ohio MHAS have worked with Ohio’s two HIEs to identify a selection of services focused on supporting behavioral and physical health integration through care coordination and data exchange that can be implemented under this short funding timeline. The HIE Services anticipated under the opportunity are defined as follows:

COMMUNITY HEALTH RECORD
Providing a comprehensive patient record reflecting unified care sources. Clinical results received from disparate sources are integrated for a single, longitudinal record.

RESULTS
Delivering secure clinical results between data sources and their recipients. HIE offers real-time, secure, discrete clinical results improving workflow for clinical staff and outcomes for patients.

DIRECT
Integrating communications among providers with a simple, secure and cost-effective solution. HIE Direct messaging is a HIPAA-compliant secure method for exchanging Consolidated-Clinical Document Architecture (CCDAs). Direct can be accessed via the web or integrated into Electronic Health Records.

NOTIFICATIONS
Helping clinicians keep track of patients in real time. HIE notifications inform providers about a patient's medical encounters, which supports care coordination and reduces readmissions.

DATA
Connected Communities. **Continuity of Care Document (CCD) and Admit, Discharge, and Transfer (ADT) data contribution delivered to the HIE to be normalized and consolidated for query and retrieval by providers and ADT notifications sent to referring providers to indicate a closed referral loop.**
Timeline
Under current funding, the anticipated opportunity schedule is through September 2021. All initial HIE-connection activities are expected to be complete prior to September 30, 2021.

Participation
To be eligible for participation in the opportunity, provider agencies must:

- Respond to the “Agency Interest Survey”, expressing interest in Program by 11:30 pm on Friday, April 9, 2021.
  - Completion of survey is required to be considered for future participation in this project. Agency participants will be selected based on the results of the Agency Interest Survey. The survey will ask each agency to indicate their level of readiness and interest in the available HIEs and HIE services. ODM must receive a survey response from a provider Agency to consider the Agency for inclusion. No response will be considered an expression of no interest.
- Actively serve Medicaid consumers.
- Be enrolled in Ohio Medicaid under an Agency Tax ID that has both a provider type 84 (mental health) and 95 (Substance Use disorder)
  - To be considered for inclusion in this project ODM must receive a survey response from the Agency expressing interest for at least one provider Medicaid ID under the Agency’s Tax ID.
- Have a functional electronic health record (EHR)\(^1\) in place.
- Have administrative and financial resources available to support project timeline.
- Be willing to actively exchange appropriate data where possible under current and future State and Federal rules and regulations.
  - Example of data sharing:
    - Share data with the State, Managed Care Plans, and other health care providers; and
    - Send, receive, and use continuity of care records using standard electronic formats.
- Participate in additional surveys distributed by ODM. ODM anticipates at least one Post-Opportunity survey to assess agency experience and continued use of HIE connection.