

MEDICAID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND POLICY PROGRAM (MEDTAPP)

MEDTAPP Background:

A university Medicaid research partnership combining nonfederal and federal funds to support efficient and effective administration of the Medicaid Program.

Program funding is 50% Federal Financial Participation (FFP) and 50% qualified non-federal funds.

Typical qualified non-federal funds include university faculty and facility support. Recently, state general revenue funds, private contributions, and bona fide donations have also been used as funding sources.

Traditionally, the program facilitated university research opportunities. Medicaid used a competitive RFP process to select universities to conduct research furthering Medicaid areas of interest.

MEDTAPP New Direction:

Ohio Medicaid Director John McCarthy recently established MEDTAPP's new program focus areas, including: (1) workforce development; (2) quality improvement initiatives; and (3) rapid technical/clinical consultation.

MEDTAPP Workforce Development Program

Attract * Train* Retain

Goal: partner with Ohio colleges and universities to support further development and retention of health care practitioners with skills and competencies to serve Ohio Medicaid beneficiaries through emerging healthcare models and evidence-based practices, such as health homes, integrated care team approaches for patient-centered care, and integrated behavioral and physical health service delivery. Successful applicants will propose healthcare workforce development partnerships and strategies to recruit, train, and retain additional healthcare providers to serve Ohio Medicaid eligible individuals.

Initial Focus Areas: include (but are not limited to) the following known Medicaid professional shortage areas: Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Community Psychiatry with a Geriatric and/or Integrated Behavioral Health/Primary Care Focus, Pediatrics, Family Practice, Advanced Practice Nursing, and Dentistry.

Alignment: this initiative seeks to align and expand established, successful Ohio workforce development programs, partner with academic and community experts, and leverage existing programs and resources. This initiative also seeks to encourage new academic and community workforce development partnerships to expand the state's capacity to recruit, train, and retain the healthcare workforce. This program will support Governor Kasich's Office of Health Transformation (OHT) budget priorities and address resulting workforce needs.

Design: medical colleges and universities are encouraged to submit program proposals focusing on interdisciplinary and/or interuniversity workforce development and community training/placement partnership strategies that foster integrated patient-centered care. Collaboration with other successful academic programs in the country is also encouraged. Due to varying workforce programs/partnerships currently in place, this initiative will demonstrate early results by June 30, 2012 and will continue to build capacity in SFY 2013. Potential applicants can select one of two options for participation.

Phase I Implementation: MEDTAPP federal financial participation (FFP) will be provided to selected programs immediately ready to implement proposed healthcare workforce development expansion strategies.

While these programs will demonstrate early results by June 30, 2012, funding will also support program development activities with the goal of increasing the number of professionals serving Medicaid beneficiaries and implementing emerging healthcare models in FY 2013. **Phase I programming is expected to start January 1, 2012.**

Phase II Planning Applicants/Phased Implementation: Funding will also be offered to support planning activities, for applicants needing additional time to build comprehensive academic and community partnership networks. This option will allow applicants to work with Ohio Medicaid and the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC) to build and refine comprehensive workforce development partnerships. Upon completion of the planning process, applicants will be eligible to apply for MEDTAPP Workforce Development Initiative implementation funding. **Phase II implementation programming is expected to start July 1, 2012.**

State Agency Partnerships: Ohio Department of Mental Health, Ohio Board of Regents, and Ohio Department of Health are partnering with Ohio Medicaid on this MEDTAPP workforce development initiative.

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Tentative Timeline	Roll-Out Schedule
Sep 1, 2011	Ohio Medicaid Leadership Review and Approval
Sep 13, 2011	Ohio Colleges of Medicine (COM) Advisory Council members and university representatives review and comment on the MEDTAPP Workforce Development Initiative
Oct 4, 7, and 8, 2011	Ohio Medicaid and GRC host Request for Information; COMs and universities present programs and interests.
Oct 28, 2011	RFP release
Dec 9, 2011	RFP due
Dec 9- 23, 2011	RFP Review and Selection
January 1, 2012	Program Kick-off; Phase I Implementation and Planning phases begin
July 1, 2012	Phase II Implementation begins