



# State SUD Policy Institute: Leveraging FQHCs to Address SUD



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# Who is NASHP?



- Non-profit, non-partisan organization with offices in Washington, DC and Portland, ME.
- Dedicated to working with states across branches and agencies to advance, accelerate, and implement workable policy solutions that address major healthcare issues.
- Through NASHP's unique cross-agency approach and deep policy expertise, states participating in previous technical support initiatives have made progress on key policy or programmatic milestones.

# NASHP Team



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# A Time of Opportunity



- State Medicaid agencies spent [\\$7 billion](#) on SUD treatment in 2014.
- Studies have shown, medical costs for individuals receiving SUD treatment services is, on average, [30 percent lower](#) 3 years after receiving specialized treatment for an SUD. However, Only [18 percent](#) of Americans who needed treatment received any SUD treatment services in 2016.
- The federal government has increased funding to support state SUD treatment and prevention initiatives since 2016, including:
  - [\\$930 million](#) for states, to expand or enhance medication assisted treatment, provide training, leverage health information technology, and increase the workforce for mental health and SUD treatment services.
  - [\\$200 million](#) to health centers in all 50 states and Washington, D.C. to increase access to SUD and mental health services and an additional [\\$350 million](#) in September 2018.

# Why Federally Qualified Health Centers?



- Based on health center Uniform Data System data from 2016, health centers are already engaging over 400,000 individuals with a SUD.
- FQHCs are trusted providers and present a unique opportunity for states to increase access to and quality of services, particularly in rural and underserved areas.
- Most FQHCs are recognized as patient-centered medical homes, provide integrated care, and are an important source of care for Medicaid beneficiaries.
- A 2016 study found that spending for individuals who received primary care in a health center was 24 percent lower than spending for non-health center patients.



# State SUD Policy Institute



# State SUD Policy Institute: Goal



*Through this Institute, NASHP aims to work with states to develop and/or implement innovative strategies to increase access to and quality of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, recovery, and preventive services for Medicaid beneficiaries in federally qualified health centers (FQHCs).*

# State SUD Policy Institute Overview



- Up to five state teams will be selected to participate in the Institute by NASHP.
- State teams will consist of at least four members including representation from:
  - Medicaid
  - Behavioral Health
  - Primary Care Association
  - FQHC
- States will receive 18 months of flexible technical support.

**Key SUD Institute Dates:**  
**July 31, 2018**  
Applications due to NASHP

**Mid-August 2018**  
Notification of selection to states

**September 1, 2018**  
Institute begins



# Benefits of State Participation



# Technical Assistance and Resources



Guided by an analysis of state policy and regulatory barriers and a state-specific action plan, states will benefit from both individualized and peer-to-peer learning opportunities, including:

- One in-person site visit to each state, including an individualized assessment of state policy and regulatory barriers.
- Development of state FQHC SUD action plan to support key state priorities.
- Individualized technical support from NASHP staff, and expert consultation from national, state, and federal leaders.
- In-person workshops (including support for state travel).
- Facilitated discussions and webinars open only to Institute state teams.



# How does my state apply?



# Application Components



## **Required:**

Identify and collaborate with core team members to complete the RFA Application Questions. Team members should include:

- ✦ Senior Medicaid leadership
- ✦ Senior behavioral health division or agency leadership
- ✦ Senior PCA leadership
- ✦ FQHC representative

## **Optional:**

Letters of Support

# Evaluation Criteria



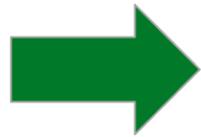
All applications will be evaluated based on the extent to which they exhibit the following criteria. All criteria are weighted equally.



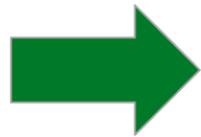
Partnerships



Progress



Transformation



Commitment

# Application Process



- Assemble core team and complete the RFA Application Questions ([available here](#))
- Send completed applications to Hannah Dorr (hdorr@nashp.org) by **5pm Eastern on Tuesday, July, 31st.**
- States will be notified of their application status no later than mid-August 2018.

# Questions?



To ask a question, please type it into the **'chat' box** in the lower left hand corner of your screen.

# Thank You!



Access the RFA and Application materials here:  
<https://nashp.org/apply-today-nashps-state-sud-policy-institute-supports-states-to-address-sud-in-fqhcs/>

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