
NYS Office of Mental Health

Vital Access Provider (VAP) Program for Phase 1 Awards for Freestanding

Article 31 Clinics

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Phase I

The Office of Mental Health (OMH) has completed its review of those Vital Access Provider applications received which indicated a willingness to participate in mergers, acquisitions or consolidations for the continued operation of the provider's mental health clinic services. This review entailed an assessment of the community service need as well as the financial viability of the providers that had submitted such proposals. Based on the review of this information, OMH is designating the following as Vital Access Providers as part of the Phase I selection process.

Child & Adolescent Treatment Services, Inc.

Delaware County Community Services

Hamilton-Madison House, Inc.

Lexington Center for Mental Health Services, Inc.

Safe Space NY, Inc.

Schoharie County Community Mental Health Center

Service Program for Older People, Inc.

Staten Island Mental Health Society, Inc.

Steinway Child and Family Services, Inc.

The Children's Home of Jefferson County

OMH will be working with these providers to submit a full application package (program plan, detailed budget, timeline and metrics) and Medicaid (TMRAA) agreement, which will be developed with the assistance and guidance of Strategic Planners that will be assigned to these organizations. The application development process may require changes in the proposed activities and/or funding amounts required to support the approved business strategies and program enhancements needed to preserve vital access to these clinic services. All final applications will require county input and are subject to final review and approval of OMH before submission to the Department of Health and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

OMH also applied the selection criteria to mental health clinic programs which had submitted a VAP application seeking funds to complete a transition of services to another provider. Accordingly, OMH is designating **the services** being provided by the following agencies which are already in the process of being transitioned as Vital Access Provider services.

Federation Employment and Guidance Service, Inc.

Pederson-Krag Center, Inc.

Peninsula Counseling Center, Inc.

Steuben County Community Mental Health Center

OMH will be working with the county to develop and finalize a plan for the resources to support the transition to preserve vital access for special populations or within a geographic region. The State Aid awards will be at a maximum amount of \$250,000 to support the transition plan. The county will administer the funds to the providers involved to support the transition pursuant to the requirements in the final approved plan.

Selection criteria used to designate the providers in Phase 1 Vital Access Provider (VAP):

1. Applicant stated an intent to merge or consolidate clinics, agencies, or major organizational functions within their agency and/or another agency.

Community Need

2. Provider was identified as having a significant market share percentage in any county for either the adult or child and adolescent population.

or

3. Provider was identified as serving a recognized community need and/or specialty population. This criteria was verified on the provider's operating certificates and Medicaid and patient characteristics survey data.

Fiscal Viability

4. Provider financial reports demonstrated fiscal challenges in the operation of the mental health clinic with program loss at more than 5% per the Consolidated Fiscal Report (CFR) and fiscal challenges in the operation of their agency with profit of no more than 5%.

or

5. Provider financial reports demonstrated fiscal challenges in the operation of the provider's agency in the areas of profit/loss and net worth and the ratio of current total assets/current total liabilities, as determined by the audited financial statements.

and

6. It is projected that the provider's financial condition will not and cannot, without assistance, improve sufficiently to support the ongoing operation of the provider's clinic(s).