

Strategic Planning Funds: Critical Access Providers

December 2018

Eligible applicants:

The New York State Office of Mental Health (OMH) and Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) are providing a targeted, one-time \$25,000 funding to Critical Access Providers for the children's behavioral health transformation and transition to Medicaid Managed Care. Providers identified as "Critical Access Providers":

- Will be directly providing new Children and Family Treatment and Support Services, or
- Will be directly providing newly aligned children's Home and Community Based Services, and are
- Currently Providing Home and Community Based Care Coordination Services

Goal of Readiness Funds:

Support and ensure the development of a comprehensive strategic transition plan that will assist Critical Access Providers for the children's behavioral health transformation and transition to Medicaid Managed Care. The provided funds will assist with the following:

- Staff or consultant of the Critical Access Providers choice
- Enhanced analytics and training of self-assessment outcomes
- Continued support to inform the provider's strategic transition plan
- Guidance through the children's behavioral health transformation and transition to Medicaid Managed Care

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Increased support to Critical Access Providers leading up to the Children's Behavioral Health System Transformation
- Increased awareness and education regarding implementation and service delivery for Critical Access Providers
- Increased preparedness of Critical Access Providers for adjusting to providing and billing services in a managed care environment

New York State Office of Mental Health and Office of Children and Family Services will provide the following:

- A letter will be sent to each identified Critical Access Provider notifying eligibility
- An Organizational Self-Assessment will be conducted with MCTAC
- Initial 10K grants will be sent to eligible providers
- MCTAC will provide a state-sponsored training of how to complete the Organizational Self-Assessment
- MCTAC will analyze results of Organizational Self-Assessment by 10/31/2018
- State-sponsored technical assistance sessions will be held for Critical Access Providers' staff/consultant regionally throughout November 2018. These sessions will be preceded by a review Webinar.
- A Strategic Transition Plan Template will be issued to Critical Access Providers for completion

- Review achieved action results from Critical Access Providers Organizational Self-Assessment and Strategic Transition Plan
- Send concurrent payment of \$15K to Critical Access Providers by 12/31/2018
- Review and reimbursement of unspent funds by 5/30/2019*

To participate in this funding opportunity, each Critical Access Provider will need to complete the following:

- Accept the role of a Critical Access Provider and assign staff or consultant to this process.
- Attend state-sponsored training on how to complete the Organizational Self-Assessment
- Submit Organizational Self-Assessment to MCTAC
- Attend a regional, targeted technical assistance session to assist with the development of a Strategic Transition Plan, preceded by a review Webinar and followed by optional office hours
- Submit completed Strategic Transition Plan submitted to OMH and OCFS by 12/31/2018
- Submit achieved action results from Strategic Transition Plan by 3/29/2019
- Submit a Grant Expense Report by March 31, 2019
- Return unspent funds by 5/30/2019*

Amount:

Please note: Providers must accept role as Critical Access Provider to receive initial funding, and must complete milestones to obtain concurrent funding.

- \$10,000 in initial funding to be distributed to all Critical Access Providers.
- \$15,000 distributed to any Critical Access Providers who complete milestones.

Reporting

- Strategic Transition Plan submitted to OMH and OCFS by 12/31/2018
- Grant Expense Report due March 31, 2019

***Funding:**

The State will distribute vouchers for the initial grant amount, followed by milestone payments for remaining amounts. Funding will be distributed through the Office of Mental Health, and any returned payment will be refunded to the Office of Mental Health. Failure to complete milestones will result in said reimbursement of funds to the State.

****Consultants and Readiness:**

Consultants will continuously work with their associated providers individually and with MCTAC to help assess agency readiness, identify gaps, and develop comprehensive strategic transition plans to guide success of service delivery.

- Existing readiness trainings through MCTAC are tailored to the needs of the determined Critical Access Provider and will be available regionally based on need.