

Amendment 1 – Answers to Written Inquiries

Access to Perinatal Health Support FY27- FY29

Request for Proposals May 5, 2026

Question 1 - Based on the guidance provided in the solicitation, it's my understanding that grant funds cannot be used for services that are reimbursable through Medicaid or other payer, and that funds should instead support non-duplicative, gap filling services. Could you confirm whether this interpretation is correct, particularly for services for individuals who may be Medicaid eligible?

Answer 1 - This is correct. The funds cannot be used for Medicaid (or other payer) reimbursable services. For instance, if Medicaid supplies taxi-vouchers to go to prenatal appointments, this funding cannot pay for those. However, if a parent needs transportation to take her child to daycare so she can attend treatment sessions and Medicaid (or other payer) does not cover that transportation, this grant can step in to provide transportation with the focus of family-centered care so both the parent and the child can receive the services they need so she can successfully access treatment.

Question 2 - I would appreciate further clarification on the definition of “uninsured or underinsured” within the target population. Specifically, does “underinsured” included individuals enrolled in Medicaid who also experience barriers to accessing needed services such as care coordination, transportation, or recovery support services?

Answer 2 - Yes. Even though folks are enrolled in Medicaid, that might not cover access to all the services a family-centered approach to their comprehensive health care and SUD treatment requires. This is because there are guidelines/restrictions on what services Medicaid covers and how the services are provided. For instance, there are time limitations guiding Medicaid billing for care coordination that the complex needs of a pregnant women may exceed, and this funding will fill the gap between what Medicaid pays for and what care the woman needs.

Question 3 - Could you provide guidance on the types of projects or service models that the State is most interested in funding under this opportunity?

Answer 3 - This really depends on the capacity and vision of each organization. The RFP is intentionally written to support a variety of projects. For instance, if a domestic violence shelter would like to build their capacity to offer SUD treatment and referral management for their pregnant, postpartum, and parenting clients, this should allow for that. If a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) would like to offer SUD treatment, care coordination to their perinatal patients and programming to decrease stigma in the community around MAT, this program supports that. If a SUD treatment center would like to

offer Recovery Doula services, increase their support for clients in accessing prenatal/postpartum health care services and offer parenting skills classes to their perinatal clients, this program supports that as well. Or if a health system/OB department wanted to develop or expand a Plans of Safe Care Program to offer comprehensive support to pregnant and postpartum women with SUD, this program would also support that.