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Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid
Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) ACT Grant

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SUPPORT ACT

- On October 24, 2018, Congress approved the Substance Use Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act.
- Section 1003 of the Act provide states a funding opportunity to increase substance use provider capacity under their Medicaid Programs.
- In September 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded 15 states planning grants; Nevada was awarded \$1,684,013
- Nevada will not only serve eligible Medicaid recipients, with a key focus on serving pregnant, postpartum, prenatal women, infants, adolescents and young adults (ages 12 to 21)



Areas of Focus

- Medicaid Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Policy
- SBIRT billing codes for services
- Provider qualifications, and willingness to provide Substance Use Disorder (SUD), Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and recovery services
- SUD provider capacity through education, collaboration, and training
- Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Policy for Medicaid recipients





Challenges to Addressing SUD and OUD Epidemic

- Expanding the number of SUD and OUD Providers
- Increasing Provider capacity
- Limitation of available services in Rural and Urban Communities
- Expansion of services within existing budgetary limitations





ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- SBIRT codes were activated on March 2, 2020, for Provider Types (PT): Physicians, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician Assistant (PA), and Nurse Midwife
- SBIRT Toolkit developed, and training was provided to Nevada's largest female productive health practice
- SUPPORT Act stakeholders identified, and interviews are on-going
- Participating in Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) Opioid Use Disorder, Maternal Outcomes, and Neonatal Abstinence Initiative Learning Community (OMNI) Core Team
- Adopting American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for Medicaid MAT Policy development



Next Steps

- Further develop Medicaid MAT Policy
- Implement Medicaid MAT Provider Billing Training
- Continue development of the 1115 Waiver for Residential Substance Treatment with Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH)
- Support internet infrastructure in rural Nevada to expand telehealth accessibility
- Pursue opportunity to apply for SUPPORT Act Implementation Grant upon notification from CMS





Questions?



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Acronyms and Definitions

- APRN – Advanced Practice Registered Nurse
- ASAM - American Society of Addiction Medicine
- ASTHO Omni – Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- DPBH – Division of Public and Behavioral Health
- CMS - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- IMD - Institutions for Mental Disease
- OUD – Opioid Use Disorder
- MAT – Medication Assisted Treatment
- PA – Physicians Assistant
- PT – Provider Type
- SBIRT Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment
- SUD - Substance Use Disorder
- SUPPORT Act - Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act

