



NC Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services

SAP Block Grant Supplemental Funding for COVID -19 Relief (Consolidated Appropriations Act-December 2020)

COVID-19 Provider Orientation Sessions held September 2021

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: Will we be tracking referrals to treatment or other support services since Problem Id and Referral are no longer a priority strategy? But that does seem to be a focus of COVID funding....

A: Yes. Referrals must be tracked throughout the duration of the project. The ECCO System has been updated to reinstate the Problem ID and Referral strategy. The strategy will appear in all strategy guides. Providers are to refer program participants to treatment or social services within their referral network, as needed.

Q: Can current staff be used for planning until new staff are hired?

A: It is up to each organization to determine the best approach to executing planning activities and hiring new staff particularly in the interim while contracts are being executed with LME/MCOs. Planning efforts can be reimbursed back to August 2, 2021.

Q: Are contracted services, okay?

A: Yes.

Q: When will we be receiving the letter for funding.

A: The Division of Mental Health (DMH) staff are working diligently to get allocation letters to LME/MCOs. Updates will be made available as received.

Q: Is training required on SDOH & ACES?

A: COVID-19 funded providers will be required to attend training to augment your current data assessment (submitted with your original proposal) to include SDOH and ACES data on October 27, 2021.

Q: Can you provide clarification on the needs assessment for this funding?

A: COVID-19 funded providers will be required to attend training to augment your current data assessment to include SDOH and ACES data on October 27, 2021. Clarification will be provided during this training.

Q: YPE question- How will this need to be captured with program expansion if they are doing YPE under traditional bg.

A: Program Guidance for capturing enhancements will be discussed in the TA sessions offered by the NCTTA Center. Individualized Program Strategy Guides are being created to meet your programs unique needs for the COVID-19 funds. Additionally, updates to the ECCO system will be made to support reporting expansion efforts.

Q: Is there a vaccine mandate for contractors?

A: Refer to your agency policies regarding COVID vaccines. There is currently no mandate for contractor vaccines.