

Integrated Behavioral Health System via CCBHC Certification and Collaborative Care Expansion

Overview

This initiative expands access to high-quality behavioral health care across South Dakota by implementing the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model statewide and growing the Collaborative Care Model in primary care settings. CCBHCs offer same-day access, 24/7 crisis services, and integrated care for individuals with complex needs. The Collaborative Care Model brings mental health support into local clinics through coordinated teams of primary care providers, behavioral health managers, and psychiatric consultants. Together these models strengthen the behavioral health system, ensuring rural and frontier communities receive timely, coordinated care close to home.

Key Activities

- **Provider and Workforce Capacity Building:** Deliver technical assistance and resources to behavioral health and primary care providers aligning with the emerging CCBHC Certification and Collaborative Care Model standards, while also implementing recruitment, training, and sustainability strategies for both licensed professionals and paraprofessionals.
 - **Crisis and Telehealth Infrastructure Expansion:** Establish Mobile Crisis Response (MCR) Teams and short-term crisis stabilization facilities in each behavioral health region and enhance telehealth capabilities to improve access in rural and frontier areas.
 - **Payment System Transformation and Billing Support:** Develop a Behavioral Health Prospective Payment System (PPS) with outcome-based incentives, support providers in transitioning to PPS billing, and ensure Collaborative Care billing codes are enabled and supported across Medicaid and commercial payers.
 - **Technology and Data Infrastructure Development:** Support the enhancement and integration of a statewide, multi-functional EHR/IT system to standardize data collection, support real-time performance monitoring, and integrate with provider and Medicaid systems.
 - **Technical Assistance and Oversight:** Provide contractual support for grant management, PPS implementation, and deployment of tools for population health management, care coordination, referral tracking, and analytics.
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Partners & Stakeholders

Primary partners and stakeholders include community mental health centers, emergency services, schools, law enforcement, CBMIs, rural hospitals and primary care providers, FQHCs, tribal communities, faith-based communities, and others yet to be identified.

Amount Requested

- \$56,457,876 over five years

Expected Outcomes

- Statewide access to certified integrated behavioral health care
 - Sustainable value-based payment implementation for behavioral health care
 - Modernized, efficient, and connected data infrastructure to report data and outcomes related to behavioral health care
 - Timely access and continuity of care for behavioral health patients
 - Improved clinical outcomes through integrated and collaborative care
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Why This Matters

This initiative establishes a consistent, statewide foundation for delivering high-quality, whole-person behavioral health care, ensuring South Dakotans receive timely, coordinated services regardless of where they live or present. This initiative also, strengthens provider sustainability, reduces system fragmentation, and modernizes data infrastructure so that care is driven by real-time information rather than administrative burden. Together, these improvements lead to earlier intervention, better clinical outcomes, and a more accessible, efficient, and person-centered behavioral health system for South Dakota.