

Medicaid and Individuals with Complex Health Needs

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Dedicated to strengthening the U.S. health care system to ensure better, more equitable outcomes, particularly for people served by Medicaid.

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Effective models for prevention and care delivery that harness the field's best thinking and practices to meet critical needs.



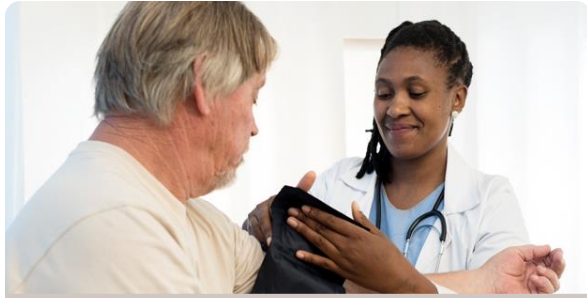
Efficient solutions for policies and programs that extend the finite resources available to improve the delivery of vital services and ensure that payment is tied to value.



Equitable outcomes for people that improve the overall well-being of populations facing the greatest needs and health disparities.



Program Focus Areas



Delivery System & Payment Reform

- Payment reform
- Care transformation
- Population health and prevention
- Early childhood



Services for People with Complex Health & Social Needs

- Adults and children with complex health and social needs
- Trauma-informed care
- Long-term services and supports
- Medicare and Medicaid Integration

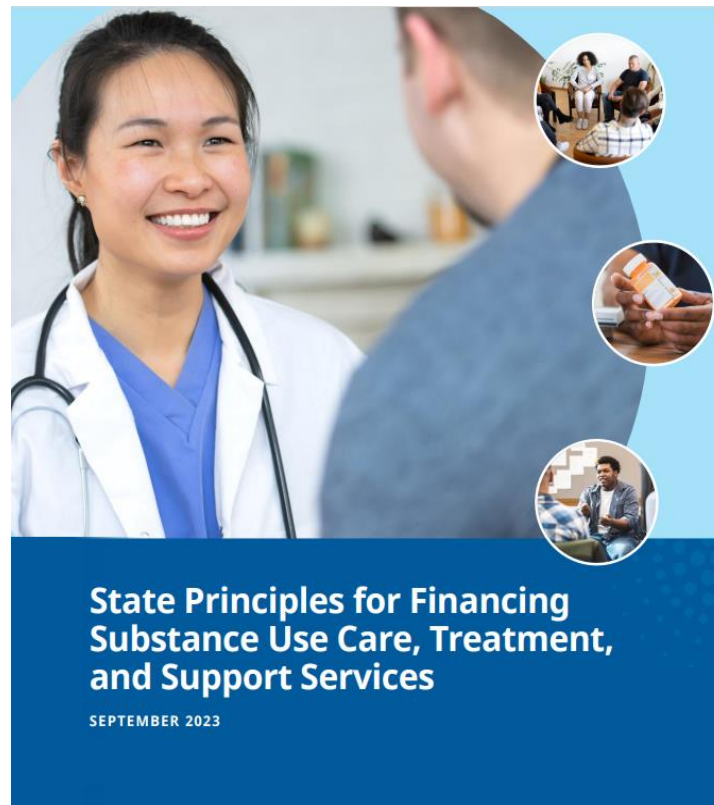


Health Care Leadership & Capacity Building

- State Medicaid directors and staff
- Provider leadership
- Individual and organizational development opportunities
- Strategic planning

Health Equity • Health-Related Social Needs • Cross-Sector Partnerships • Community, Family, & Patient Partnership

Newly Released Report



State Principles for Financing Substance Use Care, Treatment, and Support Services

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State Principles for Financing Substance Use Care, Treatment and Support Services

- Made possible by, and in partnership with, Pew Charitable Trusts
- Outlines 10 key financing principles to guide states in maximizing the use of Medicaid and other funding sources to strengthen substance use disorder (SUD) care, treatment and support options
- Principles shaped through a consensus-building process involving a broad group of national stakeholders
- Companion ***Principles-in-Action*** series provides practical checklists to help guide state investments in evidence-based peer supports, medications for opioid use treatment, and harm reduction strategies
- Available via www.chcs.org

Timing and Approach

- Opioid epidemic: overdose deaths continue to rise
 - 932,000+ deaths since 1999
 - Preliminary 2022 data: Over 109,000 deaths
- 94% of people with SUD do not access treatment
- Significant disparities among communities of color
- Influx of new funding
- Practical guidance for state policymakers and agency leaders

P1: Use Medicaid Funds Strategically to Expand and Sustain Access to Evidence-Based Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Support Services

- Medicaid is one, significant, piece of the puzzle
- Intentional, interagency fiscal mapping is critical
- Assess and plan with a comprehensive SUD continuum of care in mind

P2: Direct Flexible Federal Funds — to the Fullest Extent Allowable — Toward Boosting Infrastructure, Prevention, Harm Reduction, and Recovery Support Services

- More fiscal mapping
- New and expanded federal funding streams available
- Invest strategically for maximum impact
- Build harm reduction infrastructure

P3: Conduct an Inclusive Decision-Making Process for Allocating Opioid Settlement Funds and Prioritize Funds for Investments in Services and Infrastructure Needs Not Covered by Medicaid and Other Existing State/Federal Funding Streams

- Center the voices of people with lived experience
- Ensure that councils have decision making authority
- Learn from the tobacco settlement experience and ensure transparency and appropriate use of funds

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