

To: All Providers

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ARPA ALLOCATION FUNDS INFORMATION

Trillium is allocated \$1,718,685 on a one-time basis by DMH/DD/SAS for the purposes outlined in the allocation letter. These SABG ARPA funds may be used for dates of service July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Public Law 117-2, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), signed by President Biden on March 11, 2021, directed the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide additional funds to support states through Block Grants to address the effects of the COVID -19 pandemic for Americans with mental illness and substance use disorders.




ARPA allocated \$1.5 billion each for Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block (SABG) grants to the states. North Carolina received a total of \$36,420,651 under the SABG. The awarded funds must be used for activities consistent with the SABG program requirements. The SABG program is designed to provide funds to States, Territories, and one Indian Tribe for the purpose of planning, implementing, and evaluating activities to prevent and treat substance use disorder (SUD). States may use this supplemental COVID-19 Relief funding to: (1) promote effective planning, monitoring, and oversight of efforts to deliver SUD prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services; (2) promote support for providers; (3) maximize efficiency by leveraging the current infrastructure and capacity; and (4) address local SUD related needs during the COVID pandemic. North Carolina's approved proposal includes prevention, treatment, and recovery initiatives with focus on rural and under-served communities and marginalized populations, as well as workforce development

Additionally, Senate Bill 105 designated \$8,000,000 of these funds "to expand the MAT Community Supervision pilot program, a program for individuals recently released from prison and on probation. DPS, in conjunction with DMHDDSAS, shall select at least five counties to participate in the expanded pilot program that represent tier one and tier two counties with the highest need."

To that end, staff from both Divisions have analyzed county data for tier one and tier two counties, including substance use-related supervision violations, prevalence of opioid use, uninsured status, overdose, and ED visits, as well as resources for opioid use disorder treatment, and have selected the following counties in Trillium's service area to receive funding to support this initiative:

-  Brunswick
-  Craven
-  New Hanover
-  Onslow
-  Pitt

The legislation requires that funds for this Community Supervision Medication Assisted Treatment pilot be tracked separately. In order to accomplish this, a new benefit plan has been created, ASCSP (Adult Substance Use Community Supervision Population), to track the expenditure of funds and enrollment of consumers. Fund codes within DMH/DD/SAS have also been established to link the funding source to the benefit plan. The ASCSP benefit plan is defined as the following:

-  Adults who are ages 18 and over with a primary opioid use disorder who are currently under Community Supervision, defined as being under state probation, parole or post-release supervision. AND
-  Who would benefit from assessment, initiation, engagement, treatment (including medication assisted treatment), continuity of treatment services, and/or supports for relapse prevention and recovery stability, AND
-  Who are not currently being served through another funding source, such as ASOUD or ASCDR.

Providers must be a non-profit and currently enrolled in the Trillium state-funded network. Providers who offer a robust continuum of SUD services throughout Trillium's coverage area will be given a higher priority to adequately meet the needs of this population for this expansion. Proposal for this funding must be received using this format no later than September 30, 2022, 5:00pm.

[SABG ARPA MAT Community Supervision Pilots](#)

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