

# REQUEST FOR APPLICATION

## RURAL EQUITY AND INNOVATION IN INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MODEL (REI-IBHM)

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## INTRODUCTION

Rural Equity and Innovation Integrated Behavioral Health Model (REI-IBHM) will increase capacity to meet integrated care needs of rural northeastern NC and address health disparities in this region by paying for equity for Tailored plan members living in this region. This RFA will award 2M in funding for 3 years not to exceed 6M. The model will evaluate the impact of a value-based care (VBC) approach focused on Tailored Plan members. The model will provide access to primary care treatment through an integrated care delivery framework located in a specialty BH community based organization. The organization will have a primary focus on members with moderate to severe mental health conditions and/or chronic substance use disorders and will include members with dual IDD diagnosis. Members will have access to primary care services in the same setting as behavioral health services.

The primary outcome is to increase access to integrated care in Tier I and Tier II counties in rural northeastern NC. Other objectives of this demonstration pilot also include improving quality of care, timely access to appointments for Tailored plan members, reducing avoidable emergency department and inpatient utilization, and strengthening telehealth systems capacity.

Trillium will award funding for 1 provider for this demonstration pilot.

## ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

- 🌱 Applicant must be enrolled in the Trillium provider network. The applicant must be Non-profit 501(c)3 currently enrolled in Medicaid to provide BH/SUD and IDD services. Applicant must be willing to serve adults and children 16 and up for acute and chronic behavioral health and add primary care. Preference given to agencies that also treat adults with co-occurring IDD needs. Services must be provided both in person and through telehealth approaches. Applicant must be in good standing with Trillium.

### ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY:

- 🌱 Eligible applicants must currently have a minimum of 300 Medicaid Tailored Plan members receiving services.
- 🌱 Eligible applicant must have current primary BH sites located in Tier I or Tier II counties within the majority of North Carolina's Region 6 including; Halifax, Northampton, Gates, Hertford, Bertie, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden,

Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort, Martin, Edgecombe, Pitt, Greene, Wayne, Lenoir, Duplin, Jones, Pamlico, Craven, Onslow, Carteret, and Hyde

- 🌱 Eligible applicants must have the ability to demonstrate current telehealth applications and capabilities and effective and efficient use of an internal telehealth network across multiple counties to increase access to behavioral health and add primary care. In addition, the model assures coordination of services to support chronic and acute physical health conditions as part of the member integrated care plan and care team model of delivery.
- 🌱 Applicants must provide evidence of established and working DEI policies that ensure that people of all backgrounds are supported equitably according to their uniqueness.
- 🌱 Agencies must provide evidence of an established Electronic Health Record of data collection and tracking that can monitor effectiveness, integrate data and track member outcomes.
- 🌱 Eligible agencies must offer Tailored Care Management and Crisis services as part of their service array.
- 🌱 Eligible agencies must ensure language interpretation services, including American Sign Language, are made available and utilized for effective, appropriate communication.
- 🌱 The agency awarded must agree to improve data collection and report quality measures using the Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) based on race, ethnicity, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity and health related resource needs.

**If your organization meets all the criteria, please click the link and complete the form below and apply for a meeting to discuss your plan for this model with our team no later than December 2, 2024.**

[Link to Application](#)