

Learning Collaborative #3: Leveraging Medicaid Policies to address SDOH

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Faculty

- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- National Association of Community Health Centers
- National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership

Virtual Meetings

- Thursday, April 4 at 3 p.m. EST
- Thursday, April 11 at 3 p.m. EST
- Thursday, April 18 at 3 p.m. EST
- Thursday, April 25 at 3 p.m. EST

Background

Health centers have long recognized the impact that focusing on their patients' social determinants of health (SDOH) needs have on patients' health. However, current health care financing limits the ability of health centers to scale and sustain best practices, even when interventions have been piloted successfully.

Learning Collaborative Description

This learning collaborative will target health center and Primary Care Association representatives interested in learning more about how their agencies can advocate for and utilize Medicaid to launch and/or sustain activities that address the social determinants of health of their patients. Participants will learn from and share with their peers to increase collective knowledge, discuss what is working/lessons learned, and explore new approaches to sustainably fund social determinants of health work. Topics will include:

- **Promising Program Models.** Participants will learn about a range of program models, such as Health Homes, that are wholly or partially funded by Medicaid through State Plan Amendments and other Medicaid financing mechanisms. Participants will have opportunities to share models they are seeing in their local communities and how they are being developed and sustained over time.
- **Designing and Implementing Your Model.** Participants will be presented with a framework for pilot development, including steps on understanding trends and engaging Managed Care and how to set a program model up for long-term financial sustainability.
- **Housing and Transportation Supports: State and Local Activities.** Many health centers, recognizing the need for housing as a platform for health and the barriers presented by transportation issues, are partnering with local leaders to grow capacity and better support their patients. Some housing providers are becoming health centers, while other health centers are developing supportive housing using health center 'services' as the service models. Participants will hear from practitioners about a variety of state and local-level activities that they can join or start in their own communities.
- **Medicaid Waivers and How Health Centers Can Engage in the Waiver Process.** Medicaid waivers are a common strategy for states to drive innovation in their health care delivery and financing systems. Health centers are natural leaders and advocates in this area. Participants will hear about current activities around Medicaid financing strategies and how those strategies can be leveraged to sustain a health center's social determinants of health activities.