The CCBHC Model: Meeting the Hospital Need for Expanding Community Capacity

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) are a viable payment and delivery model to effectively coordinate and deliver integrated behavioral health care in the community setting.

Under Maryland's waiver hospitals need a community behavioral health system with more comprehensive services, better coordination, and a better ability to partner. CCBHCs provide a model for building that capacity and skills in Maryland's community BH system.

The CCBHC program is run through SAMHSA and has just opened a second round of funding for up to 25 new CCBHCs.

Comprehensive

- CCBHCs provide intensive community-based services for individuals with untreated severe mental illness and/or addiction.

- The program allows for a significant expansion in SUD treatment through workforce and financing incentives.

- The CCBHC model requires a comprehensive menu of care:
  - 24/7/365 crisis care
  - Immediate screening and risk assessment
  - Rapid access to care
  - Expanded care coordination

Coordinated

- CCBHCs' Medicaid rates include the cost of purchasing or upgrading electronic systems to support electronic information exchange.

- Through CCBHCs, SAMHSA prioritizes improving the adoption of technological innovations for care, including data collection, quality reporting.

- A major goal of the program is to use health informatics and practice improvements to improve providers' ability to care for individuals with co-occurring disorders.

Capacity-Building

- Medicaid reimburses CCBHC based on their anticipated costs of expanding services to meet the needs of complex populations.

- CCBHCs' Medicaid rates include the cost of activities that have traditionally been nearly impossible to reimburse (like CHWs), yet play a critical role in behavioral health services.

- The CCBHC model increases provider's ability to attract and retain psychiatrists and nurse practitioners through competitive wages and training opportunities.