

SAMHSA Awards 20 Transformation Transfer Initiative Grants for FFY 2020, Focused on Incentives for Improving Outpatient Engagement

SAMHSA has awarded 20 (16 states, 3 territories, and the District of Columbia) Transformation Transfer Initiative TTI grants of \$150,000 each for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020 for projects establishing Incentives for Improving Outpatient Engagement.

The states and territories receiving awards were:

American Samoa
Delaware
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Guam
Kansas
Kentucky
Massachusetts
Mississippi

Missouri
Nevada
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Oklahoma
Puerto Rico
South Carolina
Utah
Vermont

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The awardees will contract with one or two community mental health providers and/or psychiatric hospitals to offer vouchers to incentivize individuals with serious mental illness or serious emotional disturbance to fulfill initial and subsequent outpatient appointments. Vouchers will be offered to patients leaving or at-risk of entering institutional care. The maximum state incentive per patient will be limited to \$75 in order not to violate federal regulation.

All proposals will be required to have a mechanism to track, monitor, and report appointment attendance outcomes and will outline how they will use these attendance outcomes to make a natural comparison between those individuals in the incentive project and those individuals not in the incentive project, or a comparison with previous historical data and the new outcome data.
