The Role of the Substance Abuse Treatment Block Grant in Alabama

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• 4,768,000 Residents
• 20% of the State’s population are Medicaid Recipients.
• An additional 324,000 Alabamians could gain health coverage if Medicaid benefits were extended to childless adults with incomes below the FPL.
• Alabama currently has the most stringent income requirements in the nation relative to qualifying for Medicaid.
Need for Alabama’s Public Substance Abuse Service Delivery System

- Alabama ranks #1 as the highest painkiller prescribing state in the United States.
- 197,000 Alabamians, age 12 and above, reported nonmedical use of pain relievers in the past year.
- 323,000 Individuals in Alabama needed but did not receive treatment for alcohol and illicit drug use in the past year.
- Arrests of pregnant women using illicit drugs for Chemical Endangerment of a Child are the highest in the nation.
- Heroin and prescription drug overdose death rates continue to climb.
- The state’s prisons are among the most crowded in the nation with estimates of up to 75% of the population having substance use disorders.
Alabama’s Safety Net Service Delivery System: Treatment

- ASAM – Based Treatment Levels of Care
  - Early intervention Services
  - Outpatient Treatment
  - Intensive Outpatient Treatment
  - Partial Hospitalization Treatment
  - Medication Assisted Treatment
  - Clinically Managed Residential Treatment
    - Transitional
    - Low Intensity
    - Medium Intensity
    - High Intensity
  - Medically Monitored Detoxification
Alabama’s Safety Net Service Delivery System: Prevention

- Primary Prevention Services – Selective, Indicated, and Universal
  - Information Dissemination
  - Education
  - Alternatives
  - Problem Identification and Referral
  - Community-Based Processes
  - Environmental Strategies
Alabama’s SUD Safety Net Offers A Robust Array of Billable Services to Support the ASAM Levels of Care

- Behavioral Health Accommodations
- Individual Counseling*
- Group Counseling*
- Intake Evaluation*
- Family Counseling*
- Diagnostic Testing*
- Medication Administration*
- Medication Monitoring*
- Physician Medical Assessment and Treatment*
- Case Management
- Treatment Plan Review*
- Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Assessment
- Peer Counseling
- Mental Health Consultation*
- Crisis Intervention*
- Basic Living Skills*
- Psychoeducational Services*
- Activity Therapy
- Developmental Delay Prevention Activities for Dependent Children
- Parenting Skills Development
- Child Sitting Services
- Behavioral Health Outreach Services

*Medicaid Billable Service
Alabama’s Safety Net Service Delivery System in 2015: By the Numbers

- 20,047 served by treatment system
- 75,000 served by prevention system
- 57 contract treatment providers – 46 approved to provide Medicaid services
- 12 contract prevention providers
- All residential treatment programs maintain waiting lists.
- 4,978 Medicaid Beneficiaries served in 2015.
- The majority of patient’s served by Alabama’s SUD treatment system would qualify for Medicaid if expansion was allowed.
## Alabama’s Safety Net Service Delivery System: Funding

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It’s Business as Usual for Alabama’s SUD Service Delivery System Without Medicaid Expansion . . .

- **Efforts to Maintain the Safety Net System**
  - Promoting the value of treatment and prevention services
  - Maximizing existing Medicaid benefits
  - Advocating for increased state funding and local funding involvement
  - Promoting peer utilization
  - Promoting the use of evidence-based practices
  - Modifying regulations to support improved access to treatment in response to the State’s opioid epidemic
  - Interagency collaboration
  - Service integration
  - Rigorously manage and monitor the SABG
The Role of the Substance Abuse Block Grant in Alabama . . .

- The SABG has consistently provided over half of the available funding that sustains the State’s safety net service delivery system.
- Even with the SABG, the state is only able to meet less than 10% of the need for SUD treatment.
- Alabama’s safety net prevention services system is 100% funded by the SABG.
- Neither Medicaid nor health Insurers in Alabama cover the full array of treatment and prevention services necessary for establishment of a recovery oriented system of care.

**ALABAMA IS TOTALLY DEPENDENT UPON THE SABG FOR SURVIVAL AND GROWTH OF ITS SUD SAFETY NET SERVICE DELIVERY SYSTEM.**