Dollars and Sense: Coordinating and Financing Campaigns to End the Epidemic

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NGA Learning Lab: Opioids and Infectious Disease
2018 – 2019

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Delaware
- Kentucky (model state)
- Michigan
- Utah
- Virginia
- Washington
Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE)
Cross-Systems Advisory Council coordinates state response and related efforts to address infectious disease impacts (KY)
Governor’s Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission endorsed SSPs, encouraged support among local public health officials (MI)
Incorporated infectious disease priorities into Utah Coalition for Opioid Overdose Prevention Plan (UT)
Incorporating HIV, hepatitis data into state Drug Monitoring Initiative (DE)
Working to implement hepatitis screening at substance use disorder treatment facilities (AL)
State Leadership and Cross-Sector Collaboration Are Critical
States Increasingly Leveraging Federal Opioid Response Funds to Address Infectious Disease Consequences

SAMHSA
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG)
- State Targeted Response (STR)
- State Opioid Response (SOR)

CDC
- Emergency Response: Public Health Crisis Response—Opioid Prevention in States

CDC Opioid Crisis Response to develop new Medicaid harm reduction benefit (WA)

CDC Opioid Crisis Response for HIV, HCV vulnerability assessments (AL, AR)

SOR to support HCV testing and other syringe services program activities (UT)
New York: Medicaid Harm Reduction Benefit

- Medicaid billable services at syringe services programs (as of July 1, 2018):
  - Development of a plan of care
  - Individual and group supportive counseling
  - Medication management and treatment adherence counseling
  - Psychoeducation support groups
New Mexico: Expanded Medicaid Treatment Coverage for HCV

• Focus of the new NGA learning lab – seeking state applications!

• Collaborative effort involving Medicaid, managed care organizations, Project ECHO

• The Vision: By 2020, treatment for all members with HCV while being responsible fiscal stewards

• Between 2014-2017, resulted in an eight-fold increase in number of Medicaid enrollees treated for HCV
Thank you!

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