

Hub and Spoke System (H&SS) RFA Release Announcement DATE: October 23, 2024

California Expands Access to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder

This fourth iteration of the Hub and Spoke System focuses on opioid prevention, treatment, and recovery services throughout California.

SACRAMENTO — The Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has made available new grant funding through the Hub and Spoke System (H&SS) to support Narcotic Treatment Programs (NTP) (also known as “Hubs”), as well as substance use disorder (SUD) treatment providers and community health clinics (also known as “spokes”). H&SS funds will be used to provide lifesaving medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD), such as buprenorphine or methadone, and to treat persons with stimulant use disorder.

California established H&SS in 2018 to act as “funding of last resort” to MOUD providers caring for patients who are uninsured, underinsured, or ineligible for Medi-Cal. Over the last six years, DHCS continued to fund and develop this project to help ensure access to care and lifesaving medications for thousands of patients.

DHCS and AHP encourage eligible providers to review the [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) and apply for funding to support medications, treatment services, and staffing through Hubs and Spokes, with an emphasis on strengthening a more seamless system of care for individuals with OUD.

Eligible entities include prior H&SS grantees and other California health, behavioral health, and related organizations that have been providing substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services for a minimum of two years in California. Providers are especially encouraged to apply if they operate in areas that are underserved or have high overdose death rates or if they work with individuals with OUD who are reentering the community from incarceration, people experiencing poverty, or individuals who are unhoused. State Opioid Response (SOR) IV grant funding will run from January 1, 2025, through September 29, 2027, with grant awards dependent upon various criteria, including the number of projected patients to be served and the type of MOUD provided. A maximum award amount is approximately \$750,000 per applicant for the 33-month period.

Online applications are due by 5 p.m. PST on November 22, 2024.

For more information, please contact hss_sor4@ahpnet.com.

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