The HARP State Technical Assistance Center (STAC)

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Is your state implementing an 1115 Medicaid reentry waiver? HARP can help! Register for the HARP State Technical Assistance Center (STAC) today!

WHAT IS STAC?

STAC is the only national center dedicated solely to providing technical assistance to support states implementing Medicaid 1115 reentry waivers. We work with state Medicaid agencies, corrections departments, juvenile justice agencies, and their implementation partners to identify practical solutions and operationalize strategies that support long-term reentry success by building continuity of care at release.

STAC is a new initiative of the Health and Reentry Project, which builds safer, healthier communities by improving access to health care for people leaving incarceration.

WHY HARP BUILT STAC

More than half of all states have sought or received Medicaid 1115 reentry waivers to provide a targeted set of reentry services to individuals in the period before their release from incarceration. These waivers have the potential to improve both health and public safety by supporting access to services, such as case management and treatment for substance use disorder.

However, state leaders must grapple with thorny challenges in implementing waivers, such as developing partnerships across the health and criminal justice systems, navigating unpredictable release dates, and building or expanding services like medication assisted treatment. Addressing these and other challenges is essential to realizing the full potential of Medicaid reentry waivers: tangible improvements in peoples' health and public safety.

We built STAC to help state leaders tackle these challenges. Led by an unmatched team with experience and expertise across health and criminal justice, STAC takes a hands-on approach to supporting states as they stand up pre-release services and facilitate access to strong post-release community services.

HOW STAC CAN HELP

STAC helps states build effective, high-impact access to health care to help people transition to communities from prison and jail successfully.

- **STAC is open to all states with pending or approved section 1115 Medicaid reentry demonstration waivers.** We prioritize working across states and helping them learn from each other about effective implementation approaches.

- **STAC offers a range of TA modalities for states to select from.** States' options range from on-demand resources like toolkits that state leaders access on an as-needed basis to team-based, cross-state collaboratives that operate for several months. The suite of initial activities and resources that STAC offers will be available to states at no charge. With input from participating states, STAC will continue to deepen and broaden the content, activities, and modalities by which we support states.

- **STAC meets states wherever they are in their reentry waiver effort, from plan development, to go-live, to phase-in, through ongoing improvement.** STAC helps states work through the implementation challenges that arise along the way.

For example, we help states develop the systems and data approaches needed to administer, oversee, and evaluate the impact of Medicaid reentry services. We also help states build networks of community providers to ensure access to care for people returning to communities. STAC will also assist state reentry leaders in navigating the impact on reentry of new community engagement and renewal requirements in Medicaid, which Congress enacted last year and take full effect January 1.

Engagement across systems, such as state Medicaid and departments of correction, that must collaborate to create continuity of care at reentry is central to STAC's approach. So is ensuring that state implementation leaders collaborate with local correctional officials and law enforcement.

EXPANDING HARP SERVICES ON HEALTH AND REENTRY

The launch of STAC marks a significant expansion of HARP's technical assistance to health and reentry leaders. We built STAC specifically to serve state reentry implementation leaders, and designed it to work in conjunction with our ongoing TA efforts–in particular, our technical assistance funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance to support sheriffs, jail administrators, and leaders of state corrections agencies.

STAC's deep expertise in both Medicaid and corrections enables us to foster effective collaboration between the two systems by translating Medicaid policy for public safety audiences and corrections operations for health care audiences. Our understanding of the complexities and opportunities in both areas allows us to bridge gaps and translate each agency's operational realities for the other, helping Medicaid and corrections agencies work effectively towards shared goals. STAC's expertise in public health, behavioral health, community health, and prisons and jails also informs our work.

Register here today for access to all of STAC's technical assistance opportunities.

Looking for assistance on approaches beyond 1115 reentry waivers? HARP also supports jurisdictions implementing other health and reentry reforms, including national requirements that states suspend, rather than terminate, Medicaid coverage when someone is incarcerated and cover certain services for Medicaid-eligible youth and young adults who are incarcerated post-adjudication.

Email TA@healthandreentryproject.org, click here, or scan the QR code below to learn about HARP's other technical assistance offerings.