

August 2, 2017

Greetings!

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) seeks interested lead local government entities to apply for federal matching Medicaid funds available for Assistance in Community Integration Services (ACIS) Pilots through a service expansion initiative of the State of Maryland's Medicaid §1115 HealthChoice Waiver. MDH is facilitating application for federal matching funds for the ACIS Pilot program. The ACIS Pilot application must be completed by a lead local government entity (Lead Entity), such as a local health department or local management board, with the ability to fund fifty percent (50%) of Pilot costs with local dollars through an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) process. Lead Entities will also be required to provide leadership and coordinate with key community partners to deliver the programs.

The ACIS Pilot will serve at-risk Medicaid eligible individuals who need tenancy-based case management/tenancy support services and/or housing case management services, with the goals of reducing unnecessary health services utilization, improving housing stability, and improving health outcomes among the target population.

The ACIS Pilot will be effective through December 31, 2021 and is scheduled to be funded for the 4½ years duration of the waiver. Up to \$1.2 in matching federal funds is available annually statewide, and when combined with the local non-federal share, ACIS Pilot expenditures may total up to \$2.4 million annually statewide. This is a competitive funding opportunity.

The ACIS Application Package is attached. The application outlines the requirements for the application, including the anticipated timeline, the required application components, application selection criteria, and relevant supporting material. Also attached is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to assist applicants in preparing their submission.

Applications must be completed and submitted to mdh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov no later than 5 p.m. EST on September 18, 2017.

All interested parties are also invited to register for a webinar on the ACIS Pilot application process on August 16, 2017 from 2-3:30pm. There will be ample time set aside at the end for attendees to ask questions. Click here to register for the webinar. Interested applicants are encouraged to address questions to mdh.healthchoicerenewal@maryland.gov ahead of time.

Thank you for your interest in Medicaid's ACIS Pilot initiative.

Attachments: ACIS Pilot Application Package ACIS Pilot Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) - 8/2/17