



Adult Mobile Crisis Alternative Payment Model Demonstration Overview

Clear Pathways

Clear Pathways is an initiative of Peg's Foundation, the largest philanthropic mental health funder in Ohio. We assist local, state, and national partners with accelerating the implementation of best-practice crisis response. This will reduce the reliance on jails and hospitals, ensuring adults in behavioral health crises have a clear path to getting person-centered help.

Clear Pathways is focused on two critical gaps in Ohio's crisis response system: advancing 911-988 interoperability and **securing sustainable funding for adult mobile crisis services**. This work helps ensure people experiencing a behavioral health crisis can access appropriate, person-centered care in the least restrictive setting possible.

The Demonstration

The Clear Pathways Adult Mobile Crisis (AMC) Alternative Payment Model (APM) Demonstration aims to evaluate new payment approaches with select Ohio adult mobile crisis providers to determine whether implementing a **value-based payment (VBP) model tied to a newly established program standard can improve financial sustainability and AMC quality**.

Key Activities

- Build provider readiness and shared understanding
- Establish baseline data and reporting metrics
- Design and test new APM models that support VBP
- Create tools for learning and improvement
- Evaluate and inform statewide policy

Timeline

Preparation: Launch and Readiness

- Finalize program standards
- Recruit and commit providers
- Complete readiness assessments and data agreements

Year 1: Baseline and Capacity Building

- Complete Initial data collection period
- Deliver APM/VBP boot camp
- Implement standardized reporting

Year 2: Initial APM Implementation

- Develop initial APM
- Apply initial APM with providers
- Launch data visualization tool

Year 3: Refined APM and Policy Guidance

- Refine APM
- Develop recommendations for statewide financing and policy

Benefits

- Optimize insurance coverage and reimbursement to diversify provider payer mix
- Reduce avoidable hospitalizations and criminal legal system involvement
- Improve follow-up and connection to ongoing care
- Prepare providers for VBP arrangements with payers
- Standardize data and improve staffing and response models



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