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Re: Recovery Works Updates

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past three years the Recovery Works team has had the opportunity to serve over 35,000 unique individuals across the State of Indiana. Through hard work, we have had the opportunity to build a network of supports for Hoosiers through relationships with both Criminal Justice Providers and Treatment and Support Providers.

Launched in 2015, the Recovery Works program grew slowly and did not gain momentum until late-2016. To increase participation, incentives were put into place to encourage treatment and support providers to join the program. Two examples of incentives are the reimbursement rates and the administrative fees. Most of the reimbursement rates are the same as the Healthy Indiana Plan reimbursement rates, which are around 30% higher than the original Recovery Works rates and Medicaid. Additionally, three administrative fees were added to help cover the administrative burden associated with enrolling and serving Recovery Works clients.

Now that the program has exceeded its goals, we need to right-size reimbursement rates to ensure the long term sustainability of Recovery Works. In addition to a rate change, individual service caps will be put into place. The service caps will ensure that individuals are able to access Recovery Works funds during the gap period before their insurance begins. It will make it much more important that providers assist their clients in gaining benefits so clients do not experience a lapse in service.

As the Criminal Justice provider, you will play an intricate role in the client's journey. If the client already has insurance, it will be important that a referral is made to a treatment provider that accepts their insurance. This will help the client be successful in their journey. If the client does not have insurance, one of the roles of the treatment provider will be to help begin the process of accessing insurance within ten (10) days of their assessment. If clients refuse to follow through with their role in accessing insurance, they will no longer be eligible for Recovery Works.



The right-sizing of reimbursement rates and the individual service caps means that most clients will be covered by Recovery Works funding for 60-90 days or less. Due to the short period of coverage, providers will no longer be providing the Individualized Recovery Plan and Budget (IRPB). The intent is that Recovery Works is short term gap coverage, therefore the need for the plan is no longer necessary.

We do acknowledge that this is not an ideal situation. However, based on our current budget, we must make changes across the board to ensure that we can continue Recovery Works. Our preference is to ensure that something can be provided versus nothing. Thank you for all you do to provide excellent services and care to clients. Please never hesitate to reach out to us with questions or concerns at Recovery.Works@fssa.in.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Boarman', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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