

**Innovation in Behavioral Health (IBH) Model
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Office Hours
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Isaac Devoid: Good afternoon, everyone, and thanks so much for joining our final office hours session. We really appreciate all the engagement we have gotten throughout these sessions and are really excited to have the opportunity to support you all. As we near the IBH Model Notice of Funding Opportunity or NOFO application due date of September 9th.

As a reminder. My name is Isaac Devoid. I'm a co-model lead for the IBH Model. I'm joined today by Sarah Grantham, the other co-model lead, as well as several members of our model team. I'm also joined today by Jamie Atwood from our Office of Acquisition and Grants Management. Thanks for joining us, Jamie. Before we dig into questions, we wanted to start with some brief housekeeping items.

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[We] just wanted to first let you know that this zoom is being recorded, and if you have any objections, please hang up now.

The recording, slides, and a transcript from today's session will be made available on the IBH Model website after today's event.

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Alright, so today's session is [going to] look a little different from our previous office hour sessions for those of you who have joined those calls today. We are going to leave the whole session open for live questions so that we can address any last minute questions or concerns leading up to NOFO application submissions.

As with all of our office hour sessions, please limit your questions to those just related to the IBH Model NOFO application and application process. If you do want to ask a question during today's session, we ask that you please type your question in the chat box or use the raised hand feature. Also, please introduce yourself, and where you are from before asking your question. We really appreciate your engagement and patience today, and as we work through different live questions, and if we run out of time or we're unable to address your question today, we will respond to any outstanding questions through our IBH Model inbox.

If there is any dead time on today's call, just know that our model team will stay on the call through the end of the allotted session time, so feel free to pop on with any questions at any time. And with that being said, we will now open it up for live questions.

Sarah Grantham: [For] any folks who've just gotten on the call, we're envisioning this a little bit like college, where, you know, professors [are] kind of just hanging out. Not that we're professors, but just kind of hanging out in their office doing work. And then folks come into the office with questions, we're

happy to answer them. So, we don't have [any] questions and answers sort of prebaked. So, we're just available for you.

Isaac, we did get a question in the Q&A box, “Can primary care providers petition to apply to this program separately from their State Medicaid program participation [or] selection? Or is it exclusively through [the] State Medicaid program?”

I'm trying to be honest. I'm trying to understand the question better. Holly, do you want to come off [mute]? She raised her hand. Okay, please jump on.

Holly Hrabik: Hey, yeah, this is Holly. I am from Troop Health in Tampa, Florida. And it says on the website and on the innovation page that state programs will apply for enrollment, and then they will select the participating providers.

Oh, sorry! And I was just wondering if that's exclusively through the state. Like, if the State Medicaid programs, we can petition separately, or is it through the state programs? I don't know. I just saw it on the website that it looked like the state programs had to elect to participate first.

Sarah Grantham: Yeah, that's correct. So, the deadline that we kind of have been focused on is that September 9th deadline, is the deadline to apply through the Notice of Funding Opportunity application, and that is for State Medicaid agencies to apply, and then, after State Medicaid agencies apply, then their awards will be awarded it towards the end of the year, and then after that, the states who are selected will be recruiting practice providers, specialty behavioral health providers, to participate in the model does that answer the question?

Holly Hrabik: Yeah. So, so if, alright. So, if our state's Medicaid agency doesn't get selected or doesn't even apply, then, if we are in that state, then this doesn't apply at all.

Sarah Grantham: That's correct.

Holly Hrabik: Perfect. Thank you so much.

Sarah Grantham: Thanks for the question. We've got another question. When will we know if our State applied? Apologies, you already answered this, and I missed it.

That is a good question. So, as you know, states are required to apply by the 9th of September, and then it's going to take CMS some time to actually review the applications go through the merit review process.

So we won't...you could ask your state if you applied, [and] you could follow up with your State Medicaid Agency. The announcements won't be made until the end of this year [or] early next year. I think it's early next year.

I hope that answers your question.

Isaac Devoid: I saw that we got another question through the Q&A. And the question was, “If we are a state and federal CCBHC, does this affect our eligibility for this funding?”

Can the person who asked this question expand upon that a little bit? I can note that CCBHCs are eligible to participate in the IBH Model, and that you'd first have to be selected by your State Medicaid Agency to participate and receive model funding.

Let me know if that answers your question, or if I can expound on it anymore, or anything along those lines. Awesome, I see that that covers it, so perfect. And please let us know if we can answer any other questions.

In case you're jumping on for the first time and you're wondering why it's so silent, we're just leaving the floor open for any live questions. We will be here until 4 PM Eastern [Time]. So please let us know if you have any questions. We also have our Grant Specialist, Jamie Atwood, on the line, in case you have any burning questions about application submission, or anything along those lines.

Alright [it's] 3:30, everyone, [there's a] half hour left to ask any questions.

If you're just jumping on, I think, everyone's been here so far. But in case you're just jumping on, we're here to ask or to answer any questions that you might have. And we'll be on [until] the top of the hour.

[There are] just about 5 minutes left until we'll start to close out for this session and for all the office hours. So, if you do have any questions, that's a definitely a good time to ask. And we're here.

Alright. So, I think we're [going to] start to wrap up today's session.

But before we do that. We did want to share a few resources with you.

So, Hayli, can you go to the next slide, please?

We did want to remind you that our model's mailbox is available if you have any questions after the session today and the additional resources identified on the slide can be found on the model's website, which we will link in the chat.

Those resources will also be available to click on directly. Once we've added this deck to the model's website after today's session is complete, you can also go in to the prior office hours and access the links via the prior office hour slide decks. And for additional updates you can also sign up for the IBH Model listserv and follow us on X, formerly Twitter.

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Alright. Well, thank you so much for attending again. Please let us know if you have questions prior to the application deadline just noting the application. Deadline is Monday at 11:59 PM Eastern Standard Time. So definitely get your applications in early. In case there's any technical difficulties. I'd also note that if you're having technical difficulties with grants.gov, there is a grants.gov help desk. However, you can also reach us on our model inbox. So, thanks again. And I hope everyone has a great rest of your week, and a great weekend.