

**ALLEGANY COUNTY LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
STATE CARE COORDINATION SERVICES
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

Overview

The Allegany County Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) announces the Fiscal Year 2026 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The purpose of this grant is to provide State Care Coordination (SCC) services for Allegany County. The State Care Coordination (SCC) program is a recovery support service that promotes the continuum of care by helping adults and older adults across Maryland who are in varying stages of recovery from a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) or co-occurring Substance Use and Mental Health Disorder (SUD/MH), transition back into the community from an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) residential or outpatient level of care (1, 2.1, 2.5-partial hospitalization program (PHP), 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7, 3.7wm - withdrawal management), incarceration, or homelessness.

The State Care Coordinators improve recovery outcomes by providing short-term case management services that support participants' access to recovery support services. The SCC will screen individuals for eligibility to access Maryland Recovery Net (MDRN) client support and recovery housing services, facilitate referrals to a higher level of care for behavioral health treatment if needed, as well as to other community resources such as entitlements, employment and legal services, conduct outreach to the behavioral health and recovery support community within the jurisdiction, and collaborate closely with other State Care Coordinators across the state to assist with "warm hand-offs" if a participant is referred to another jurisdiction.

The services provided will serve **55** individuals in the FY26 state fiscal year.

Maryland Recovery Net (MDRN) develops partnerships with service providers Statewide and funds access to recovery support services for individuals with substance use/co-occurring disorders treatment and recovery support needs. This funding can only be accessed via referral from the State Care Coordinator.

MDRN Consumer Support funds are administered directly by the LBHA. The purpose of Maryland Recovery Net SUD Consumer Support Funds is to enable an individual transitioning from an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) inpatient level of care (3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7, 3.7WM), engaged in an outpatient level of care (1, 2.1, 2.5), incarceration, or homelessness to community-based care to access or retain community-based behavioral health. These services shall be linked to the client's clinical and/or recovery support plan goals. It is the intent of the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) that MDRN SUD Client Support Services funds be utilized as funding of last resort for the purchase of emergency goods and the provision of time-limited services. It is the State Care Coordinator's role to screen and refer individuals for MDRN Consumer Support funding. The State Care Coordinator will verify the recipient's ongoing participation in SUD treatment if necessary. Additionally, the State Care Coordinator will ensure that items/services are received by the individual, and that receipts/documentation are provided to the LBHA.

Maryland Recovery Net (MDRN) funding also provides time-limited access to certified recovery residences for individuals with substance-related or co-occurring mental health and substance-related disorders, in recovery, for whom no other individual, community, family, private or public resource exists to defray the cost of the recovery residence stay. These funds are authorized and reimbursed separately through the Administrative Services Organization (ASO). It is the State Care Coordinator's role to screen and refer individuals for MDRN Recovery Housing funding.

Total Funding Available

The total amount of the award is not to exceed \$37,400.00. MDRN expenditures are not included in this award. MDRN requests approved will be reimbursed at cost.

Estimated Number of Awards

One award will be granted. This grant cannot be subcontracted by the Awardee.

BHA has provided funding for the grant. The current grant award period is during Fiscal Year 2026 from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. After this period, there will be the option to renew for up to 4 additional one-year periods, subject to availability of Allegany County LBHA, BHA funds, and performance of grant Awardee.

Eligibility

To apply for the State Care Coordination grant, an organization must:

- Be a community-based organization or provider
- Have experience with providing Care Coordination or similar services to the target population
- Demonstrate ability to meet project outcomes
- Be in good standing with the Maryland Department of Taxation and Assessment
- Maintain general liability insurance of at least \$1,000,000/\$3,000,000
- If nonprofit, have a current 501(c)(3) status

Additional Grant Requirements

The organization or service provider must:

- Provide State Care Coordination services that are person-centered and meet the unique needs of each participant.
- Designate one person to liaison with Allegany County LBHA to provide information on grant reporting, evaluating the service or activity, and networking with other groups who receive grants.
- Submit a proposed itemized budget for the grant period.
- Submit monthly invoices by the 5th day of each month for services rendered in the previous month.
- Make available all documentation required for the LBHA to complete an annual monitoring site visit and any subsequent monitoring site visits that are determined necessary by the LBHA or BHA.

- Comply with the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) Statement of Work and Conditions of Award for State Care Coordination.
- Comply with the LBHA's Memorandum of Understanding.
- Comply with BHA's SCC and MDRN Provider Manual (attached).

Eligible Funding

Funding provided will serve a projected **(55)** adults and older adults and are only utilized specifically to cover staff salary, fringe, programmatic activities, and operating costs relevant to providing State Care Coordination services. Funding through this grant will support State Care Coordination (SCC) staff salary and fringe for:

1. (1) 0.5 PTE State Care Coordinator;

These funds are reserved exclusively for activities and support related to the population as outlined in this contract and shall not be used for any other purpose. It is the intent of the BHA that these funds are limited to use for members of the Public Behavioral Health System (PBHS) receiving substance use disorder (SUD) or co-occurring SUD and mental health disorder treatment and/or services and supports.

Funds appropriated to support any Programs/Initiatives covered under this Condition of Award must have a specific Statement of Work that easily identifies line items in the approved budget. This includes noting the position(s), services, and/or miscellaneous line items being funded and providing a detailed timeline of when certain benchmarks will be met.

Recipients of federal funding must be aware of and follow all federal grant requirements and federal guidance as outlined below, whether specifically incorporated or not.

Ineligible Use of Funds:

Grant funds **may not** be used for the following:

1. Treatment services that are reimbursable by Medicaid;
2. The funding of programs that would deny a patient access to their program, because of their use of any of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) medications;
3. Payment for promotional items, including but not limited to clothing or commemorative items such as pens, mugs/cups, folders/folios, lanyards, and conference bags, unless otherwise specified in the program deliverables as a part of the provision of services to the designated population;
4. These funds may not be used for cash payments directly to consumers.
5. The purchase or construction of any building or structure to house any part of the program;
6. Direct payments to individuals to enter treatment or the continuation of participation in prevention or treatment services; or
7. No portion of the SCC award may be used for Maryland Recovery Net (MDRN) client/consumer support services or to cover MDRN recovery housing costs.
8. Grant funds may not be used, directly or indirectly, to purchase, prescribe, or provide marijuana or treatment using marijuana. Treatment in this context includes the treatment of opioid use disorder. Grant funds also cannot be provided to any individual or organization that provides or permits marijuana use for the purposes of treating substance use or mental disorders. See, e.g., 45 C.F.R. § 75.300(a) (requiring HHS to "ensure that Federal funding is expended . . . in full accordance with U.S. statutory . . . requirements."); 21 U.S.C. §§ 812(c)(10) and 841 (prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, purchase or distribution of

marijuana). This prohibition does not apply to those providing such treatment in the context of clinical research permitted by the DEA and under an FDA-approved investigational new drug application, where the article being evaluated is marijuana or a constituent thereof that is otherwise a banned controlled substance under federal law.

9. Funds may not be used to substitute or supplant federally funded projects or grants unless acknowledged and approved in the Federal Notice of Award. Any funds used to supplement existing projects must be clearly identified and reflected in the Statement of Work as a supplement to existing budgets.
10. Any program income must be used for the purposes and under the conditions of this award.
11. Unless specifically authorized by BHA, no state or federal funds of any kind may be used in support of any lobbyist or lobbying activities

SCC Activities/Services:

Screening: Screen individuals at intake to determine eligibility for the State Care Coordination (SCC) and Maryland Recovery Net (MDRN) programs.

Care Coordination/Management:

- a. Improve recovery outcomes for adults and older adults enrolled in the SCC program by providing case management for individuals being referred to the community for entitlements and/or to behavioral health treatment and recovery support services or the duration of enrollment in the program.
- b. Using an electronic or approved paper system, document and update participants' program engagement activity to coordinate care across multiple providers.
- c. Discharge participants on a prescribed cadence, i.e., upon completion of the program, critical incident report, if referred back to an ASAM residential or outpatient level of care (1, 2.1, 2.5, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7, 3.7wm), warm handoff, 30 days of no contact, or participant becomes less amenable to engagement in the program.

Referral: Facilitate referrals to a higher level of care for behavioral health treatment if needed as well as to other community resources and recovery supports.

Outreach: Conduct on a prescribed cadence, local outreach efforts to community behavioral health providers and other referral sources to engage and educate potential program participants and providers about the SCC program.

Treatment Plan: Work collaboratively with enrolled participants to establish an individualized care plan (ICP)/individualized recovery plan (IRP) that details their plan for recovery while engaged in the SCC program.

Eligible Population

There are two categories of eligibility:

1. Individuals with a SUD or co-occurring SUD and mental health diagnosis transitioning from an ASAM level of care, which includes residential SUD treatment, outpatient treatment, intensive outpatient treatment; individuals who self-identify as being homeless; or individuals transitioning from a jail or detention center; and
2. MDRN eligible individuals who are engaged in or have a scheduled appointment for, at a minimum, an outpatient SUD treatment level of care. Once an individual has been determined eligible for SCC, the individual then becomes eligible for MDRN.

Additionally, participants must:

- 18 years of age or older;
- Be an Maryland resident for the duration of their relationship with the assigned State Care Coordinator;
- Have a diagnosed SUD or co-occurring SUD and mental health disorder;
- Have signed, written documentation from the treating clinician stating that the individual is actively engaged in SUD related treatment services for the full duration of the individual's eligibility for MDRN services;
- Have an income at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Provide emergency and collateral contact information for at least one trusted family member or at least three individuals with whom the participant has a trusting and safe relationship, to include address, telephone number, and email address, if applicable, to facilitate biweekly service encounters; and
- Agree to sign a consent for release of information to facilitate coordination of care efforts. No confidential information shall be provided to any entity unless expressly authorized by the individual. A copy of a valid consent to release information form, signed and dated by the individual, shall be retained on file by the SCC and MDRN recovery residence provider. The individual may revoke consent at any time.

Ineligible Populations

Individuals who are actively enrolled in an American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) residential level of care (3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7, 3.7WM) are ineligible. Once discharged from this level of care, the individuals would become eligible for SCC enrollment.

Individuals also cannot be enrolled concurrently in the State Care Coordination program and the following programs:

- Targeted Case Management (TCM)
- Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP)
- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
- Maryland Community Criminal Justice Treatment Program (MCCJTP)

State Care Coordination Performance Measures

The timeframe for delivery of all performance measures below is July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

Activity/Service/Performance Measure	Benchmark for Award Period
# of unduplicated adults served	55
# of screenings completed	55
# of individuals provided case management	100% of enrollees
# of individuals referred to community services and supports (<i>based upon individual choice and</i>	100% of enrollees

<i>amenability)</i>	
# of outreach activities (<i>conduct community outreach to behavioral health providers and other community recovery supports</i>)	1x quarterly outreach; 4x during the award period
Collaboratively establish an ICP/IRP for individuals enrolled in SCC/MDRN	55 individual or 100% of enrollees
Facilitate a minimum of 2x monthly face-to-face or telephone engagement with enrolled participants to review ICP/IRP goals and objectives	55 individuals or 100% of enrollees
Administer a Satisfaction Survey for individuals enrolled in the SCC program every 6 months and at discharge	55 individuals or 100% of enrollees
Document individuals who have successfully completed/discharged from the SCC program	TBD - Discharges are tracked on a monthly basis
Track new/unduplicated/duplicated individuals referred to an ASAM Level of Care (1, 2.1, 2.5, 3.1, 3.3, 3.5, 3.7, 3.7wm)	TBD - Referrals are tracked on a monthly basis
Track individuals who have left the program after 30 days of no contact	TBD - Discharges are to be tracked on a monthly basis
Track individuals discharged from the SCC program due to no longer being amenable to participate in the program	TBD - Discharges are tracked on a monthly basis
Track individuals discharged from the SCC program due to a Critical Incident Report (CIR).	TBD - CIRs are tracked/submitted as they occur
Report and submit Critical Incident Reports (CIR) (as defined in COMAR 10.63.01.02)	TBD - CIRs are tracked/submitted as they occur
Track individuals and the jurisdiction they are referred TO as a "warm hand-off"	TBD - Warm hand-off referrals are tracked as needed
Track individuals and the jurisdiction they are referred FROM as a "warm hand-off"	TBD - Warm hand-off referrals are tracked as needed
Track referrals FROM an ASAM level of care into SCC	TBD - Referrals from an ASAM LoC are tracked as needed
Track referrals FROM other SCC access points identified by the jurisdiction (jail/detention center, homeless shelter, etc.)	TBD - Referrals from other access points are tracked on a monthly basis

Track referrals to community resources (ex: legal services, self-help groups, trauma informed care, somatic care, mental health services, peer support services, medication-assisted treatment/opioid treatment providers, etc.)	TBD - Referrals are made as needed; referrals to community resources are tracked on a monthly basis.
# of individuals screened and referred to MDRN Consumer Support services	TBD - referrals to MDRN consumer support is determined and based upon an individual's personal choice, amenability, and eligibility to enroll in MDRN service)
# of individuals screened and referred to MDRN Recovery Housing services	TBD - referrals to MDRN consumer support is determined and based upon an individual's personal choice, amenability, and eligibility to enroll in MDRN service)
Participate in all Maryland Department of Health/Behavioral Health Administration/Local Behavioral Health Authority scheduled/unscheduled meetings and site visits	12 SCC/MDRN Monthly Workgroup Meetings 4 SCC/MDRN Quarterly Forum Meetings 1 (at minimum) LBHA site visit Other meetings/site visits TBD

State Care Coordination Progress and Financial Reporting

Program/initiative data must be submitted to the LBHA by the 15th of each month for activities conducted in the prior month, in a format and method required by BHA. For example, data collected from July 1-31 will be due on August 15th.

BHA and/or the LBHA reserves the right to change the reporting frequency and format.

The SCC monthly reporting template is attached for reference.

Application Criteria

1. Completed Application to include but not limited to:
 - a. Experience in serving the eligible population
 - b. Narrative explanation of meeting the performance measures & other requirements of the grant listed above.
 - c. Timeline for implementation
 - d. Staffing plan
2. Completed Budget with Justification
3. Copies of required documents to establish provider eligibility

Application Review

Completed proposals will be reviewed by a panel convened by the Allegany County LBHA using the attached evaluation tool.

Funds will be allocated to the behavioral health providers based on funding availability, provider eligibility, and eligibility of activities.

Attachments

1. SCC Monthly Report Form
2. SCC Statement of Work and Conditions of Award
3. MDRN Statement of Work and Conditions of Award ***Please note that MDRN funds are not being awarded to the selected applicant, but are administered directly by the LBHA. This document is attached for applicants to review MDRN eligibility and approved costs as the State Care Coordinator must facilitate referrals for MDRN funding.*
4. BHA SCC and MDRN Provider Manual

Pre-Bid Meeting

A pre-bid conference will be held virtually through google meet, September 8, 2025 at 2:00 pm. To register, email achd.bhso@maryland.gov

Submission

Please submit proposals and all supporting documentation to: **achd.bhso@maryland.gov**

Due Date for Submission is: October 6, 2026 by 4:00pm

Questions

Questions regarding this announcement should be directed to:
Rose Taylor, LBHA Coordinator: rosanne.taylor@maryland.gov
Justin Davis, LBHA Director: justinl.davis@maryland.gov
LBHA main account: achd.bhso@maryland.gov

Or by calling the LBHA office at 301-759-5070.

Notification of Award

The selected applicant will be notified of the award by letter, sent via email by the LBHA.

Important Dates:

NOFA Release:	August 27, 2025
Prebid Meeting:	September 8, 2025 2:00pm
Application Due Date:	October 6, 2025 at 4:00pm
Notification of Award	October 15, 2025