Effects of Alternate Payment Models on Mental Health Treatment Access and Quality

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Proposal Description:

This project will focus on alternative payment models to reimburse mental health care services covered by Medicaid. Starting in 2017 approximately 400 community mental health treatment facilities have been paid under new models, including cost-based prospective payment. Some facilities have received large one-time payments to develop the resources needed to expand treatment offerings. All participating facilities are required to provide nine essential services, which include crisis intervention, substance use disorder treatment and primary care. This project will examine how this program affects access to care, treatment receipt, and mental health outcomes.

The RA for this project will create a database of participating programs by combining data from four sources. The database will then be linked to publicly available quality measures. The RA will be responsible for cleaning data, merging information, developing a codebook of available variables, and using statistical software to create preliminary tables to describe participating facilities.

Requisite Skills and Qualifications:

Proficiency with Excel and statistical software (Stata or R) is required

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