**Medicaid Data Access and Aggregation Program**

**Digitizing and Connecting Home and Community-Based Services**

**Eligibility**

To qualify for the Medicaid Data Access and Aggregation Program (MDAAP), you must be an organization or solo provider registered in the Medicaid Management Information System providing home and community-based services including:

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| Home Health Agency (010, S20) | Marriage Family Therapist (019, S71) | Medicaid Billing RN (T07, S22) | Audiologist (035, 064) |
| Family Supportive Housing (T47, S53) | Lics. Mental Health Counselor (019, S70) | Residential Treatment (T23, 061 or S04) | Diabetic Counselor (T44,098) |
| Physical Therapy (017 or T41, 065) | Intellectual Disability Services (038, S13) | Substance Abuse Tx Services (T25, S18) | Registered Dieticians (T44,S38) |
| Occupational Therapy (017, 067) | Personal Care Services (T04, S21) | Adult Day Facility (T26, S04) | Residential Treatment (T23, 061 or S04) |
| Speech Pathologist (017, S30) | DCF Public Health Agency (T20, 060) | Dept Ed Public Health Agency (T27, 060) | Behavioral Analyst (T46, S50 or S51) |
| Psychologist (019, 062 or 080; 030, 062 or S72) | Community Behavioral Health (037, S12; 039 or 042 or T14 or T15 or T19, S25) | Case Management (T16 or T17, S26; T20 or T23, S26) | Children’s Medical Services Public Health Agency (T21, 060) |
| Addiction Medicine (019 or T38, 079) | H Tech Nurse (T07, S28; T36, S22 or S23) | Case Rate Agency (T34, S31) |  |

20% of your patient encounters must be with Medicaid recipients measured during a 90 day look back window selected by you in the previous year. Providers who received funds under Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Programs do not qualify for MDAAP, though the organization they work for may still qualify if it operates under one of the provider types above.

**Getting Started**

To begin participating in MDAAP, our business support team will share information about the program through web resources, phone support, and outreach. We can consult about the various tracks to help you select which is right for you. You will sign an MDAAP **Participation Agreement** outlining expectations for your participation and apply to the MDAAP program. Within the weeks following, the team will guide you through a needs assessment to determine the assistance that could help your practice as well as help select the vendor that will best serve your workflow, billing practices, and current IT infrastructure. This assessment will culminate into a **Scope of Services Agreement** detailing the assistance the business support team will offer to ensure that your new system or connection will successfully assist your practice long-term.

**How Do I Attest that I Completed a Milestone?**

To apply for MDAAP, you can request an application from the business support team by phone or by e-mail. The business support team will e-mail you a fillable PDF form with instructions, and you will send your application and Medicaid patient volume documentation as a reply to that secure e-mail. You will attest to milestones by sending a specified document through the same secure e-mail. The business support team is available to assist you as you enroll and attest to completed milestones.

**MDAAP Tracks and Milestones**

Below are the available tracks that MDAAP participants can select. Participants may skip a milestone or end their participation before completing the full track. Some milestones vary in incentive payment based on whether the organization is a solo provider, a small practice of two to nine providers, or ten or more providers.

**MDAAP Tracks and Milestones**

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A CEHRT system is an electronic health record (EHR) system that was certified by the US government to contain features needed by medical doctors and hospitals. CEHRT systems also use a standard computer language that makes health data interoperable- or able to be read from multiple EHR systems- or the centralized Vermont Health Information Exchange. These features may be important for some home and community-based providers, especially those who focus on physical health, but unnecessary and too costly for others. A searchable database of CEHRT systems is located at https://chpl.healthit.gov/

Implement Certified Electronic Health Record Technology (CEHRT)

* Signed Participation Agreement to implement CEHRT- $2,000
* Signed Scope of Services Agreement to implement CEHRT- $2,000
* New CEHRT purchase- $23,000 to $49,000
* New CEHRT go-live- $4,000
* Conduct or review a security risk analysis- $4,000
* Complete VITLAccess credentialing, training, and usage- $500 to $2,000
* Vendor Contract for ADT interface- $10,000
* Vendor Contract for CCD interface- $16,000
* Go-live achieved and sending ADT data to the VHIE using CEHRT- $4,000
* Go-live achieved and sending CCD data to the VHIE using CEHRT- $4,000

An EHR Lite system is an electronic health record system that manages patient data including notes, appointments, and billing, but does not contain the full features of a CERT system. Often these systems are tailored to meet the needs of certain provider specialties. With limited features only needed by a field of professionals, these systems cost less to implement and maintain. EHR Lite Systems eligible for MDAAP must be HITRUST certified.RUST certified.

* Signed Participation Agreement to implement eligible EHR Lite system- $500
* Signed Scope of Services Agreement to implement eligible EHR Lite system - $500
* New eligible EHR Lite purchase and go-live checklist- $500 to $9,000
* Conduct or review a security risk analysis- $4,000
* Complete VITLAccess credentialing, training, and usage- $500 to $2,000

Upgrading from no EHR System to an EHR Lite System

**Security Risk Assessment**

The federal government requires providers to put into place reasonable and appropriate administrative, physical and technical safeguards to protect patients’ ePHI. The business support team will help you to conduct or review a recent security risk assessment so you can be confident that your clients’ health data is private. Participants are encouraged to use funds from this milestone to purchase items such as an up-to-date computer, locked filing cabinets, or renew their antivirus software.

**Technical Assistance and Business Supports Available Through MDAAP**

In addition to helping you to enroll in MDAAP and complete your initial needs assessment, our business support team can offer other services to you to assist in your digitization and connection.

* Provide guidance on MDAAP eligible EHR vendors and systems including review of vendor proposals to ensure the proposed system and timeline meet your unique needs and can connect to VHIE if you select that track
* Share best practice tools and templates Assist in workflow development.

The Vermont Information Technology Leaders will be the technical assistance to connect you to the VHIE or help you with learning to navigate VITLAccess. They will work with you and your electronic health record vendor to configure, validate and test your connection to transmit data to the VHIE.

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VHIE Connection with a CEHRT system

VITLAccess is VITL’s secure, web-based clinical portal that enables authorized users to view clinical data submitted to the VHIE. Participants not yet ready to connect directly to VHIE can learn how to view client data for increased care coordination.

Through MDAAP, the State of Vermont hopes to explore securely connecting EHR Lite systems popular with Vermont home and community-based providers to VHIE. Participants for this track will help Vermont Information Technology Leaders and the State develop the technology to send health data to the VHIE from EHR Lite systems to increase health care coordination.

Many providers already operate a CEHRT system but would like to connect to the VHIE to gain the benefit of submitting and receiving health data to better serve clients. The business support team and Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) will help providers to begin sending ADT data documenting client encounters, and CCD data including case plans and assessments.

VITLAccess Connection and Training

VHIE Connection with a selected EHR Lite system

* Signed Participation Agreement to connect to VHIE with CEHRT- $2,000
* Signed Scope of Services Agreement to connect to VHIE with CEHRT- $2,000
* Conduct or review a security risk analysis- $4,000
* Vendor Contract for ADT interface- $10,000
* Vendor Contract for CCD interface- $16,000
* Go-live achieved and sending ADT data to the VHIE using CEHRT- $4,000
* Go-live achieved and sending CCD data to the VHIE using CEHRT- $4,000
* Signed Participation Agreement to explore connection to the VHIE with EHR Lite- $2,000
* Signed Scope of Services Agreement to explore connection to the VHIE with EHR Lite- $2,000
* Conduct or review a security risk analysis- $4,000
* Complete VITLAccess credentialing, training, and usage- $500 to $2,000
* Vendor Contract for EHR Lite system connection to the VHIE- $20,000
* Go-live achieved and sending data to the VHIE using EHR Lite- $6,000
* Signed Participation Agreement for VITLAccess credentialing, training, and usage- $1,000
* Complete VITLAccess credentialing, training, and usage- $500 to $2,000
* Share best practice tools and templates
* Assist in workflow development
* Staff training
* Provide guidance on eligible EHR vendors and systems including review of vendor proposals to ensure the proposed system and timeline meet your unique needs and or connect to VHIE

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