

# **Using Provider Eligibility Standards to Manage**

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# **Eligibility Standards for the ATR**

- Think out of the box
- Get creative, innovative
- Use the ATR process to problem solve issues/barriers created by your current eligibility criteria/standards
- Think about the ATR with an eye toward the future design of the service system

# **What Does the RFA Require in this Regard?**

- Each Grantee determines the eligibility criteria of its provider network for the voucher program
- All providers are required to conform to standards as determined by the Grantee

# What Are the Goals for the Program?

- Goal is to expand access, increase the variety of clinical treatment and recovery support services, and create “genuine, free and independent choice” for clients.
  - Strong emphasis on including organizations that have not previously received public funding (including community and faith-based providers, public and private, nonprofit, proprietary)
  - Strong emphasis on client choice: person-centered, not program-centered

# **What Are the Opportunities?**

- Expand the number of providers
- Provide clients a choice in service providers
- Strengthen the existing network of services
- Expand community support and acceptance of recovery initiatives

# **Opportunities in Tribal and Urban Communities**

- Over 309 Tribal and Urban Indian AOD Treatment Programs funded by Indian Health Services (IHS)
- Considerable infrastructure already exist to form a provider network
- Over 1,800 employees (95% tribal and 5% HIS) working in the AOD field

# **What Are the Dilemmas?**

- Community and faith-based organizations may not be equipped to respond to the requirements of accepting government funds
- Data and financial accountability
- Clinical, confidentiality and privacy concerns, consent procedures, and data storage procedures

# **What Are the Dilemmas? (cont'd)**

- Outcomes reporting- 7 domains are integral to the RFA and has future implications
- Management of services on the basis of eligibility criteria determined by the applicant

# **What Are the Dilemmas? (cont'd)**

- States and Tribes will need to propose creative processes to accommodate the inclusion of community and faith-based service providers within the existing continuum of care
- Providing the necessary technical supports to meet the ATR standards
- Building effective segues between existing services and new recovery supports and programs

# **Challenges for Addiction Service Systems**

- Create inclusive systems of addiction care capable of meeting standards, reporting requirements, and insuring client protections
- Use as a learning/road test for your system's future service and outcome accountability standards and reporting processes
- Utilize funding stream to develop the infrastructure needed to monitor and insure quality and outcomes