

Technical Assistance: Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) Treatment in Emergency Departments (EDs)

May 2025 to September 2025

- Engaged three of the largest health systems in Colorado
- Assessed current protocols for MOUD administration and linkage to care
- Addressed immediate hospital system needs
 - MOUD protocols
 - **Referral lists**
 - Educational materials
- TA will continue into 2026 based on provider feedback for the next steps

Technical Assistance: Expand TA and Develop Pilot Approaches for Follow-up Care

September 2025 to August 2026

- Engage at least 10 rural or regional hospitals in Colorado
 - Distribute new resources for improving MOUD treatment & linkage to care
- Develop pilot approaches for improving follow-up care
 - **Peer support in EDs**
 - Telehealth providers
 - Direct follow-up provider
- Evaluate the state of hospital-based MOUD care across Colorado

Funding opportunities

- Rural Health Transformation Program
 - HCPF applying for ~\$500M over five years for rural health, esp. hospitals
 - Areas of focus:
 - Prevention and Chronic Disease
 - Fostering Collaboration
 - Appropriate Care Availability
 - Innovative Models of Care
 - Keep an eye out for more news in the new year
- Medicaid Provider Types: Comprehensive Behavioral Health Providers
 - Provides a day rate based on costs rather than fee-for-service codes
 - 1:15 session featuring Hard Beauty and Paragon