

Tennessee Access to Recovery II

General Information Packet

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TENNESSEE ACCESS TO RECOVERY II BACKGROUND, OVERVIEW AND GOALS

Access to Recovery is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) federal discretionary grant which has its origins in the federal government's commitment to provide alcohol and drug treatment and recovery support services to more individuals in need. It incorporates the President's commitment to including the faith-based community in the provision of social services, to consumer choice, and to payment for services through vouchers. Access to Recovery funds first became available in 2004, and a second cycle of funding became available in September 2007.

Tennessee was among the first states in the nation to receive Access to Recovery funding in 2004. In 2007, Tennessee was once again among twenty four states, territories, and tribal organizations to receive these funds. Tennessee was awarded \$4.83 million annually for a three year project period for a total award of approximately \$14.5 million. Tennessee Access to Recovery II (TN-ATR II) will provide service vouchers to eligible consumers for treatment services and for recovery support services. Treatment services are targeted to eligible adults with a methamphetamine abuse or dependence diagnosis. Recovery support services are targeted to eligible adults, regardless of substance of abuse/addiction, who require these services to support their recovery and/or to prevent relapse. For the current funding cycle, emphasis will be on enhancing referrals through the criminal justice system and incorporating a strengths-based case management model.

Goals of Tennessee Access to Recovery II are as follows:

- 1) To expand consumer access to a wide array of treatment and recovery support services resulting in an increase in consumers served,
- 2) To assure consumer choice of provider through issuing payment vouchers for services,
- 3) To expand the array of treatment and recovery providers to include community-based, faith-based, for-profit, not-for-profit, and government entities, and
- 4) To increase the number of state authorized service providers.

TN-ATR II AUTHORIZED PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Following the Division's application and approval process, sign the Division's Authorization to Vendor purchase agreement
- 2) Participate in all Division TN-ATR II trainings and meetings
- 3) Offer consumers a genuine, free, and independent choice as to service provider
- 4) Screen consumers to assure they meet TN-ATR II eligibility requirements
- 5) Assure all consumers have received an assessment per TN-ATR II requirements
- 6) Enroll consumers for services, issue vouchers, report service encounters, and report GPRA data via the Division's web-based voucher management system (TN-WITS)
- 7) Monitor, collect, and report required GPRA consumer data in a timely manner
- 8) Collect and document random urine screens
- 9) Follow all TN-ATR II policy and procedures in managing the program and in delivering services to consumers
- 10) Maintain strict confidentiality of consumer records and comply with HIPAA requirements regarding the electronic transmission of consumer information
- 11) Maintain written records for all consumers served through TN-ATR II per policy and procedures
- 12) Develop a strengths-based case management model for use with all TN-ATR II consumers
- 13) Collaborate with the criminal justice system to enhance identification and referral of persons needing TN-ATR II services
- 14) Submit a rate schedule of fees for all authorized TN-ATR II services based on actual costs

All state and federal requirements will be specified in the "Authorization to Vendor" purchase agreement which all providers will sign following the Division's approval as meeting eligibility criteria to be an authorized network provider.

Treatment Providers

**TENNESSEE ACCESS TO RECOVERY II (TN-ATR II)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
FOR TREATMENT PROVIDERS**

- 1) All treatment providers must be licensed by the State as an Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facility at the appropriate level of care according to authorized TN-ATR II services.

**TENNESSEE ACCESS TO RECOVERY II (TN-ATR II)
CONSUMER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
FOR TREATMENT SERVICES**

All consumers must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be residents of Tennessee and age 18 and older, and
- b. Have median family income or below* and no private insurance coverage for the required services or private insurance coverage for the required services has been exhausted, and
- c. Have an initial screening indicating the likelihood of current methamphetamine abuse or dependence requiring treatment services provided through TN-ATR II covered services, and
- d. Have a comprehensive clinical assessment indicating the severity of the problems and the specific level of treatment services covered by TN-ATR II, and
- e. Have a current primary or secondary methamphetamine abuse or dependency diagnosis.

* Median family income based on family size:

- 1 person family = \$29,147 or below
- 2 person family = \$38,115 or below
- 3 person family = \$47,084 or below
- 4 person family = \$56,052 or below
- 5 person family = \$65,020 or below
- 6 person family = \$73,989 or below
- 7 person family = \$74,998 or below
- 8 person family = \$76,007 or below
- 9 person family = \$77,016 or below
- 10 person family = \$78,025 or below

Recovery Support Service Providers

**TENNESSEE ACCESS TO RECOVERY II (TN-ATR II)
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
FOR RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS**

- 1) Be accredited by a nationally recognized organization, e.g. Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO), for the specific program services authorized **OR** meet eligibility criteria for non-accredited recovery support service providers in #2 below.
- 2) Eligibility criteria for non-accredited recovery support service providers:
 - a. The provider must be registered with the Secretary of State's Office.
 - b. The provider must provide evidence of being in operation as a recovery support services provider for at least one year prior to their date of application to TN-ATR II.
 - c. Recovery support services offered are clearly differentiated from professional clinical treatment services.
 - d. The provider has the governance and fiscal infrastructure to accept, apply, and account for ATR funds and follows good business practices including appropriate registration with the Secretary of State's Office.
 - e. The provider has the appropriate infrastructure to collect and report required ATR data including Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data.
 - f. The provider meets all required federal, state and/or local zoning, codes, and other regulations.
 - g. The provider has the ethical framework for guiding employees, volunteers, and consumer interactions that addresses roles, boundaries, supervision, training, consumer rights, and for assuring that services offered are safe and there is a plan in place to protect participants from harm.
 - h. The provider has a risk management strategy including adequate liability insurance to cover risks.

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- c. Have an initial screening indicating past or current substance abuse or dependence requiring recovery support services provided through TN-ATR II, and
- d. Have an assessment indicating the severity of problems and which TN-ATR II services are appropriate, and
- e. Currently require recovery support services to maintain their recovery and/or prevent a relapse.

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