

**Applicant Inquiries & Responses for RFA #SUPP1008**  
**Comprehensive Integrated Outpatient Treatment Programs**

1. We currently operate a Part 822 Outpatient Program and have applied to integrate a new OTP service into our existing site. Are we eligible to apply for these funds and if so, which category would we fall under?

**Response: Yes, Option #2 (Five (5) One-time only awards of up to \$250,000 will be made available for existing Part 822 Outpatient programs who intend to apply for Part 822 OTP services).**

2. We are wondering in New Choices Recovery Center might be eligible for the RFA related to integrated OTP/Outpatient programing... Please advise at your convenience. If so, we plan to apply. Thank you.

OASAS Temporary Certificate #: 12299

SAMSHA: New Choices OTP #: 38554

**Response: Yes, as long as the program meets the criteria as per the RFA.**

3. We are developing plans to apply for certification to operate a new 822 OTP, which is intended to be co-located at an existing 819 intensive residential program operated by our organization. We currently operate an existing Part 822 Outpatient program (non-OTP) in a contiguous county to the location of the planned OTP. Does our intent to apply for the OTP co-located at the existing 819 facility qualify for application to request funds under this funding opportunity?

**Response: For the purposes of this RFA only providers who are integrating Part 822 OTP and Part 822 Outpatient Services are eligible for funding. (As an alternative, outpatient programs could apply for a new OTP and Integration under this RFA and then open an OTP Additional Location at the 819 Intensive Residential Program).**

4. Page 6 of the RFA appears to indicate that eligibility is restricted to agencies that provide BOTH methadone AND buprenorphine. Please confirm that this reading of the RFP is accurate, and that offering MATS alone is not sufficient.

**Response: For the purposes of this RFA, all providers who receive awards agree to provide at the minimum both Methadone and Buprenorphine.**

5. The Eligible Applicants section indicates that "Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) are not eligible." Can you confirm if this includes both SAMHSA funded and NYS-Demonstration CCBHC programs?

**Response: This is specific to NYS Demonstration CCBHC programs.**

6. Regarding the above RFA, it states that current clinics with an OMH/OASAS integrated license are not eligible to apply. Does that mean that if our site received the grant and were able to become an integrated 822/OTP clinic that we would not be able to apply for that clinic to become an integrated OMH/OASAS license in the future?

**Response: Providers with OMH/OASAS Integrated Licenses that are OASAS hosted are eligible for awards under this RFA. Only programs that are OMH/DOH hosted are not eligible for funding under this RFA.**

7. Please advise if a Voluntary agency that has an existing 822 Outpatient Service can use the funding from this grant to help establish a program at a new site.

**Response: Awards for this RFA are for providers who have at minimum, an existing Part 822 OTP/ Outpatient Program and plan to add a co-located new service for the purposes of integration. A provider is permitted to move the existing service to a new location in order to ensure sufficient space for the new service/integrated program. However, funding under this RFA can only be used for expenses as described in the RFA.**

8. We are an 822 OP in the process of pursuing OTP, so this grant seems perfect for our situation. On page 7 of the SUPP1008 RFA, it says CCBHC's are not eligible for this RFA. We are a SAMHSA CCBHC-E grantee. Are we eligible for SUPP1008?

**Response: This is specific to NYS Demonstration CCBHC programs. SAMHSA grantees are eligible for funding under this RFA**

9. How will the accreditation requirement of an OTP be incorporated into this initiative? For example, if an agency seeks to integrate these programs, will the general Part 822 Outpatient Service have to become CARF accredited as well as the OTP?

**Response: OASAS does not mandate providers become Outpatient Service accredited by CARF.**

10. Can an OTP integrate with a Part 825 Integrated Outpatient that is also a designated CCBHC? If so, will all services fall under CCBHC services?

**Response: OASAS hosted integrated programs are eligible to apply for funding under this RFA. However, CCBHC'S are not eligible due to the nature of billing and reporting.**

11. Can we still apply for funding if an organization has already taken the initial steps in the comprehensive integrated outpatient treatment program?

**Response: Yes, as long as the program meets the criteria as per the RFA.**

12. Can we apply for cosmetic renovations if the integrated program will be in a new location from where current services are offered?

**Response: Yes. However, all funding for "cosmetic renovations" must be within the parameters set in this RFA.**

13. For existing co-located Part 822 Outpatient and Part 822 OTPs programs, can funds be used to upgrade a security system?

**Response: Upgrades under the category of equipment are eligible uses of funding.**

14. For existing co-located Part 822 Outpatient and Part 822 OTPs programs, can we use funds for furniture; equipment; supplies; electronics; dispensing equipment/medical supplies if increasing OTP capacity?

**Response: This would be an allowable expense under “equipment”.**

15. What is the projected timeline for funding?

**Response: 3/15/2021- 3/14/2023**

16. Can we use funds to pay for food to host patient education groups on the integration?

**Response: This is not an allowable expense under this RFA.**

17. Can the funds from this opportunity be used to cover expenses from 2021 that were incurred as a result of integrating programming. We were one of the first programs to formally integrate our 822 OP and 822 OTP last year. Can we apply for this even though our programs are already integrated? There are many opportunities in this RFA that would improve our program such as the minor maintenance and beautification dollars.

**Response: Yes. All costs must have been incurred after March 15, 2021. Any costs incurred prior to that date are not eligible for reimbursement with these funds. Expenses are limited to those identified as allowable in the RFA, including limitation on renovations.**