



Topic: Learn How Your Agency Can Be Trained to Replicate the AIMS Model, which integrates behavioral health services and medical services, resulting in the provision of comprehensive, reimbursable care to clients

Description: The **Ambulatory Integration of the Medical and Social (AIMS) model**, developed by Rush University Medical Center and recognized by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Health Care Innovations Exchange and part of the inter-professional Nexus Innovations Network, **assesses the needs of complex patients and provides risk-focused care coordination by master's prepared social workers guided by a standardized protocol.** AIMS social workers, in collaboration with inter-professional teams in primary and specialty outpatient care settings, systematically identify, address, and monitor the various social, functional, environmental, cultural, and psychological issues that can impact medical care. Over the course of four-to-six weeks, they follow a five-step process, including completing a comprehensive social work assessment, creating a care plan that includes client-identified goals, and working with clients to address barriers to achieving those goals. Preliminary evidence indicates that AIMS reduces clients' emergency department visits, hospitalizations, and hospital readmission rates.

*Implementing AIMS aligns well with the services that many community-based social service organizations already provide, creates the opportunity to develop partnerships with local clinics to better integrate care, and opens the door to future contracts with partner clinics. On this informational webinar, we will provide a high-level overview of AIMS protocol, review our training package and support, and share considerations for sites interested in being trained in this model. This will include hearing the experience of Aging Care Connections (Illinois) **and NJHSA member Jewish Social Service Agency (Metropolitan Washington DC) in how they have replicated the program in their communities.** The AIMS team is interested in having AIMS replicated in new and diverse communities, and are working with NJHSA to identify a way to bring an AIMS training to NJHSA members complimentary. Please join this webinar to learn more about this opportunity and to have any questions answered.*

DATE/TIME: Wednesday August 23rd at 1pm eastern time

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