

Financial Services Update

Funding may be available to help recruit clinicians to your site – If you are an agency looking to expand your clinical team, then applying to become an NHSC Approved Site may be an option for you. Applications are being accepted up to August 14th and funding may be available to use for the above-mentioned reasons. If you are interested visit <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/> for more details on who qualifies, and how to fill out an application if you do qualify.

Federal Medicaid Salary Sharing Payments and Budgeting – Federal Medicaid Salary Sharing is again being paid on a more regular basis. County budgets have already begun or will begin very shortly, and it is our recommendation to not include Federal Medicaid Revenue as part of the Mental Hygiene budgets. By making the revenue part of the budget, Mental Hygiene Departments will be expected to achieve that revenue target. If for some reason the Federal Medicaid Salary Sharing Revenue pay cycles don't align with the year that the revenue was originally budgeted, then those revenue budgets are not met, and the department is forced to make up the revenue from other revenue streams. Also, once Federal Medicaid Salary Sharing becomes a part of the Mental Hygiene Budget, it is usually quite difficult to remove it with the County.

OASAS Budget Packets are coming very soon – OASAS budget packets are due to be sent out at any time. Counties should read through the packets to identify any new rules and guidelines that may need to be relayed to county providers. OASAS allows ample time for budget completion as they are not due until October 1st. 2018 Budgets of Record will be included in the budget packet and counties are encouraged to have providers demonstrate the importance of significant variations from their current approved budgets. For questions regarding OASAS budgets, please contact the local OASAS field office.