

Questions & Answers: *CDC's 6|18 Initiative Informational Webinar for Prospective States/Territories*

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The following are answers to questions that were submitted during the *CDC's 6|18 Initiative Informational Webinar for Prospective States and Territories* hosted by CHCS on October 17, 2019. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).

- 1. Do the Medicaid Director and Public Health Administrator need to be a part of the day-to-day implementation "team" and attend the January meeting, or can they be involved and briefed throughout the process as needed, as long as we have other Medicaid and Public Health team members involved?**

A: No, it is not a requirement for the Medicaid Director and Public Health Administrator to attend the January in-person convening in Atlanta. However, selected states/territories should obtain demonstrated support/commitment from the state/territorial Medicaid Director and Health Official for this initiative. Teams should discuss internally who will serve as the Medicaid and public health project leads for this 6|18 Initiative technical assistance opportunity, and who would be the most appropriate representatives to attend the convening. Typical attendees are those who will be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the project.

- 2. Can you confirm that the CHCS technical assistance application for the 2019-20 cycle does not include preventing type 2 diabetes?**

A: Yes, that is correct. Technical assistance opportunities around preventing type 2 diabetes as well as unintended pregnancy prevention are not included as part of this application. The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) and the Division of Diabetes Translation (DDT/CDC) will engage up to six states in type 2 diabetes prevention activities for 6|18 through a separate technical assistance engagement process, therefore that condition is not included as part of this application. Unintended pregnancy prevention remains a priority 6|18 focus area and states are advised to contact CDC's Division of Reproductive Health (Lisa Romero, eon1@cdc.gov) for assistance.

- 3. Will CHCS be accepting applications for more states to join in the future?**

A: Currently, there are no confirmed plans to launch additional rounds of technical assistance following this 2019-20 cycle.

4. Can you confirm that the application for this technical assistance must be done at the state level, rather than at the Medicaid managed care organization-level?

A: The application must be completed at the state/territory level, with applicants demonstrating support/commitment from and including representation from state/territorial Medicaid and public health agencies. However, each state's 6|18 team may also include members from Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), and implementation activities can be focused on partnering with Medicaid MCOs. For more information on how 6|18 Medicaid-public health teams can partner with MCOs, you can access the [Resources for Managed Care](#) page on the 6|18 website that includes resources (e.g., [technical assistance tools](#) and [sample surveys](#)).

5. Can a local (county) public health department participate in 6|18 if the state Medicaid and public health are in support?

A: Yes, a local public health department can participate in 6|18 implementation if they apply as part of a committed state Medicaid and public health team.