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Application Due Date: Friday, February 27, 2015
Anticipated Award Amount: Up to \$400,000 per year for four years
View the [Request for Applications](#)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, is accepting [applications](#) for fiscal year (FY) 2015 Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) grants. The purpose of this program is to establish projects for the provision of coordinated and integrated services through the co-location of primary and specialty care medical services in community-based behavioral health settings. The goal is to improve the physical health status of adults with serious mental illnesses (SMI) and those with co-occurring substance use disorders who have or are at risk for co-morbid primary care conditions and chronic diseases. The program's objective is to support the triple aim of improving the health of individuals with SMI; enhancing the consumer experience of care (including quality, access, and reliability); and reducing/controlling the per capita cost of care.

SAMHSA launched the PBHCI program in FY 2009 with the knowledge that adults with serious mental illness experience heightened morbidity and mortality, in large part due to elevated incidence and prevalence of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and dyslipidemia. This increased morbidity and mortality can be attributed to a number of issues, including inadequate physical activity and poor nutrition; smoking; side effects from atypical antipsychotic medications; and lack of access to health care services. Many of these health conditions are preventable through routine health promotion activities, primary care screening, monitoring, treatment and care management /coordination strategies and/or other outreach programs. Much of the national effort towards achieving the triple aim of improved health, enhanced care, and reduced costs are associated with developing person-centered systems of care that address an individual's holistic health and wellness.

The PBHCI program supports the goals of the Million Hearts™ initiative in that people with behavioral health disorders are disproportionately impacted by many chronic primary care health conditions, including heart disease and hypertension.

View the full request for applications and further details on how to apply at www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sm-15-005.

Learn more about the PBHCI program (and the work of past grantees) at www.integration.SAMHSA.gov.

