Q: **What is the Substance Use Disorder Promoting Interoperability Program (SUD PIP)?**

The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Promoting Interoperability Program is a milestone-based incentive program established in response to Governor Murphy's effort to combat the state's opioid crisis. This program provides funding to the qualified SUD treatment facilities to help them implement or upgrade to Electronic Health Record (EHR) technology, which allows providers to efficiently capture and store data in a structured format that with the proper privacy and security processes in place, can be easily retrieved, shared, and transmitted to assist in patient care, monitoring, and recovery.
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Q: **How do I qualify for the Substance Use Disorder Promoting Interoperability Program (SUD PIP)?**

The eligibility criteria for participation to the Substance Use Disorder Promoting Interoperability Program has been revised as of October 2021, with the extension of the program funding through June 30, 2023.
To become eligible your facility must meet all the below listed criteria:
- A non-profit or for-profit entity or government entity.
- A Medicaid provider and/ or have adjudicated claims from Medicaid.
- Licensed by the Department of Health's, Office of Licensing, Certificate of Need and Facility Licensing to provide SUD treatment prior to the start of services.
  - MH Providers with active pending SUD application will be allowed to participate in the SUD program.
  - SUD Providers with pending license renewal may continue to be deemed eligible to participate in the SUD PIP Program
- Have at least one confirmed SUD admission during the calendar year.
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New Jersey State may recommend revisions to the eligibility criteria based on program requirements and funding availability

Q: **I am an Office Based Assisted Treatment (OBAT) facility, will I qualify for the SUD PIP program?**

At this time, the Office Based Assisted Treatment facilities do not qualify to participate in the SUD PI program.

Q: **I am a hospital; will I qualify for the SUD PIP program?**

Currently, the hospital-based SUD treatment facilities do not qualify to participate in the SUD PIP program.

Q: **How do I obtain a SUD/OOL/CNL License?**

Please visit the Department of Health website for all the details regarding the SUD license requirements.

Q: **What are the Milestones to the SUD PIP Program and how much incentive money can I earn?**

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- **Milestone 1 (Legal Onboarding):** $5,000
- **Milestone 2 (EHR Go-Live/Upgrade):**
  - Tier 1 $20,000
  - Tier 2 $7,500
- **Milestone 3 (NJHIN/HIE Connection):** $7,500
- **Milestone 4 (NJPMP Interface):** $5,000
- **Milestone 5 (NJSAMS Connection - *TBD*):** $5,000

New Jersey State has the option to revise the milestones to another metric based on program requirements and available HIT capabilities

Q: **Do I have to complete all the Milestones to the SUD PIP Program?**

Participation in the Substance Use Disorder Promoting Interoperability Program does not require the facilities to complete all the program milestones. However, the facilities are required to complete at least one additional milestone besides Milestone 1. In order to maximize incentive payments, participants are encouraged to attest to those milestones in which their EHR has the functionality available.

Q: **If I attest to Milestone 2 on the Tier 2 level and switch my EHR, can I come back and receive the difference in the Tier 1 and Tier 2 payments?**

The participating SUD facility makes the decision, for either Tier 1 or Tier 2 of Milestone 2, based on their eligibility prior to attestation. Once the attestation to Milestone 2 is completed successfully, and milestone payment is disbursed, the facility will not be allowed to reattest to the same milestone should they decide to switch the EHR vendor at a later date.

Q: **If I complete all Milestones to the program and I switch EHR systems, will I need to return the incentive money that I received?**

The State reviews attestation for program milestones based on the EHR vendor contract and supporting documents produced at the time of attestation. Once the attestation has been approved and milestone payments disbursed, the decision will not be reassessed, regardless of switching to a different EHR system post attestation.

Q: **When working on the Milestones, do I need to have staff members that hold specific credentials?**

There are specific milestones that may require a specific license or credential. For example, in order to complete Milestone 4, you will need a staff member who holds both a DEA# and an NPI# to create your NJPMP account. Please contact your NJII representative for further information.

Q: What is the best Electronic Health Record System (EHR) for my facility?

The State of New Jersey is vendor neutral, it is recommended that the facilities analyze the needs of their practice to determine the best suitable certified EHR system. Facilities also have the option to contact New Jersey Association of Mental Health Addiction Agencies (NJAMHAA) for a list of ONC certified EHRs and assistance in the selection of an EHR.

Q: If I start the program with a 2015 ONC Certified EHR, can I switch to another non-Certified EHR and complete the Milestones?

According to one of the participation criteria for the program, the facilities are required to utilize a 2015 edition ONC certified EHR system. However, the State would consider reviewing the eligibility of an ONC certified EHR based on the EHR interoperability capabilities and can address this on a case-by-case basis.

Q: When did the program start and when is the end date to the SUD PIP Program?

Enrollment in this program began in May 2019 and at this time, funding is available until June 30, 2023. This is a first come first serve program with a defined budget.

Q: What type of assistance will I receive while participating in this program and will I need a large number of staff members assigned to work on this program?

NJII helps to recruit and qualify providers to participate in the SUD PIP program. NJII acts as a liaison between provider entities and the State.
NJII **Client services coordinators will:** Educate all facilities about program milestones, deliverables, and deadlines; assist in meeting all requirements to complete milestones; assist in the collection of proof documents for attestations; assist in the submission of attestations to the New Jersey Medicaid Management Information System (NJMMIS) portal; and coordinate incentive payments for entities.

Q: What is the New Jersey Health Information Network (NJHIN)?

The NJHIN is a secure information network that enables the electronic exchange of patient health information among trusted data sources and participating healthcare providers and health information organizations across New Jersey to improve the quality and safety of patient care and treatment. As part of this electronic exchange, the NJHIN will receive, transport, your health information. The NJHIN is funded by the NJ Department of Health and is managed by the NJ Innovation Institute. For more information about the
NJHIN, please visit www.njii.com/healthcare/new-jersey-health-information-network-njhin/.

Q: What information will be shared through the New Jersey Health Information Network (NJHIN)?

By connecting to the New Jersey Health Information Network (NJHIN), it will enable SUD facilities to receive Admission, Discharge, and Transfer (ADT) Alerts for your patients. It will also enable SUD facilities to receive Continuity of Care Documents (CCD) for your
patients. NJII offers an Electronic Consent Management tool that enables SUD clients to log their consent for SUD Providers to share their health information with their Primary Care Providers or any other provider that the client chooses.