

Agreement 15: Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Program

Parties: BehavioralHealth Partners and Canadian Provincial Health Authority **Country:** Canada

Disease Area: Opioid Use Disorder **Agreement Overview:** This innovative agreement addresses the complex public health challenge of opioid addiction through a comprehensive value-based approach. Targeting approximately 3,200 individuals with diagnosed opioid use disorder across three Canadian provinces, this contract integrates medication-assisted treatment, psychosocial interventions, harm reduction, and community reintegration into a coordinated care model. The agreement includes specific provisions for special populations including pregnant women, justice-involved individuals, and those with co-occurring mental health disorders.

Financial Structure:

- Annual per-patient funding: CAD 14,500 for comprehensive addiction services
- Episode definition: 18-month treatment episode with continuation options
- Performance-based payment structure:
 - 30% base payment upon enrollment and treatment initiation
 - 20% at 3 months for retention in treatment (minimum 80% attendance)
 - 25% at 12 months for negative toxicology screens (minimum 70% of tests)
 - 25% at 18 months for sustained recovery or appropriate maintenance
- Public system savings share: 40% of reduced emergency, hospital, and criminal justice costs returned to program
- Special population adjustment: 35% higher payment for complex cases with polysubstance use or severe mental illness
- Medication component: Pharmaceutical costs (buprenorphine, methadone) included in bundle
- Community agency incentives: CAD 250,000 performance pool for partner organizations exceeding targets
- Workforce reintegration bonus: CAD 2,800 per client maintaining employment for 6+ months

Duration: 5 years with annual performance review **Special Provisions:**

- Low-barrier access model with rapid intake (maximum 48-hour wait time)
- Mobile outreach units for rural and remote communities
- Comprehensive case management services (1:25 case manager-to-client ratio)
- Integrated primary care services for physical health needs
- Housing support services including transitional housing partnerships
- Peer support specialist program employing individuals in recovery
- Family support and education program
- Legal advocacy services for criminal justice-involved clients

- Vocational rehabilitation and job placement services
- Specialized protocols for pregnant women and parents with young children