



Medicaid & Mental Health Technical Advisory Group

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Technical Advisory Groups (TAGS)

- What do TAGS mean to Medicaid officials?
 - An opportunity to brainstorm issues
 - Experts provide advice & advise on current significant issues
 - An opportunity to build consensus
 - Help to ensure coordination



Mental Health Technical Advisory Group

- How this TAG is different?
 - Multiple collaborative effort among
 - CMS
 - NASMD
 - NASMHPD
 - SAMHSA
 - APHSA
 - Structure



The Medicaid Perspective on Mental Health Issues

- ❑ Conflicting priorities between CMS & SAMHSA
- ❑ The need for new or redesigned mental health services including community based services
- ❑ Cost, especially pharmacy
 - *Improved management of pharmacy services*
- ❑ Impact that inadequate treatment has on other Medicaid costs
- ❑ Focus on accountability and outcomes