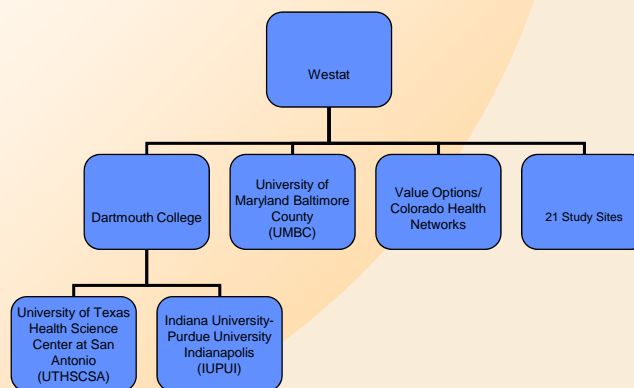


# 2

## Overview of the Mental Health Treatment Study

### Administrative Design for Mental Health Treatment Study



## Research and Policy Questions

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- To what extent does access to high quality mental health treatment and employment supports lead to better employment outcomes and other benefits?
- What programmatic disincentives exist that create barriers to return to work?
- What specific programmatic changes can be made to support efforts to sustain competitive employment?

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## Beneficiary Recruitment and Enrollment

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- Enroll 3,000 SSDI beneficiaries with Schizophrenia or Affective Disorder across all demonstration sites
- Randomly assign 1,500 to the treatment group and 1,500 to the control group
- Recruit over an 18 month period. Recruit 1,500 between July-Dec 2006 and the remainder between Jan-Dec 2007
- Treat/Monitor each recruit for 24 months post enrollment

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## Control Group Enrollees

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- Complete a baseline interview at enrollment
- Complete 7 quarterly interviews over a 21 month period
- Complete a follow-up interview in the 24<sup>th</sup> month
- Receive a total of \$100 in incentives distributed over the 24-month period
- Receive community resource materials

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## Treatment Group Enrollees

- Complete a baseline interview at enrollment
- Receive health insurance (if they have none) and coverage for all behavioral health services required by the MHTS
- Receive a clinical diagnosis (SCID)
- Receive a complete physical (if none in past 6 months)
- Complete 7 quarterly interviews over a 21 month period
- Receive supported employment, systematic medication management, and other enhanced mental health services over a 24-month period
- Complete a follow-up interview and receive transition materials in the 24<sup>th</sup> month

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## How the Intervention will be Financed?

- Study provides insurance for beneficiaries with no insurance and supplemental insurance for underinsured beneficiaries
- Zero out-of-pocket costs for all behavioral health services
- Beneficiaries do pay co-payments for general health care
- Provider time reimbursed through insurance
- Supported employment provider time that is not reimbursed by insurance, will be paid for by study
- Study pays for research assistant and nurse care coordinator to carry out study (data collection) operations

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## Overview of Staffing and Treatment Intervention

- Staffing Plan
- Overview of Treatment Intervention
- Computer and Other Resources

## Staffing Plan

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- Research Assistant
- Nurse Care Coordinator
- SCID Clinician/Psychiatric Social Worker
- Other Intervention Providers

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## Other Intervention Providers

- In-network prescribers (selected by each site)
- Beneficiary's current prescriber (if beneficiary refuses the site prescriber)
- Supported-employment specialist(s) at each site
- Other mental health service providers at each site

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## Progress to Date

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- 2,128 Subjects Are Enrolled in the Study
- 1,037 in the Treatment Group
- 1,091 in the Control
- Locally Options has 35 Subjects with 18 in Treatment and 17 in Control

While no official outcome data is available, it appears that results are in line with previous supported employment research.