

# Addressing Social Determinants of Health through Medical-Legal Partnership



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# Medical-Legal Partnership Models

		Referred for legal services in 2016				
Health Care Organization	Legal Partner Organization	Number of patients	Percent of patient population	Primary site of legal services	Patient population served by partnership	Most common legal needs in order of prevalence
<b>General Population Model</b>						
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center (OH)	Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati	825	3	3 primary care clinics at nonprofit pediatric hospital	Children and families	1. Housing 2. Public benefits 3. Education
<b>Special Population Model</b>						
Delaware Division of Public Health	Community Legal Aid Society, Inc.	181	0.5*	Maternal and child health program	Pregnant/postpartum women	1. Family law 2. Immigration 3. Housing
<b>Alternative Legal Services Model</b>						
Whitman-Walker Health (DC)	No legal partner organization	1,546	10	Ambulatory care/behavioral health sites of FQHC	HIV-positive, LGBTQ, and health center patients	1. Public benefits 2. Transgender identity legal doc changes

Notes: \*Legal services were not offered to the total patient population. Therefore, the share of patients served at this organization underrepresents patient need for these services.

# Strategic partnerships with federal agencies



HRSA recognizes legal services as an “enabling service,” allows federal health center dollars to pay for MLP



CMS recognizes “screening for health-harming legal needs” as an Improvement Activity under Medicare’s Merit-based Incentive Payment System



SAMHSA singled out MLP in recent mental health & substance use disorder treatment block grants



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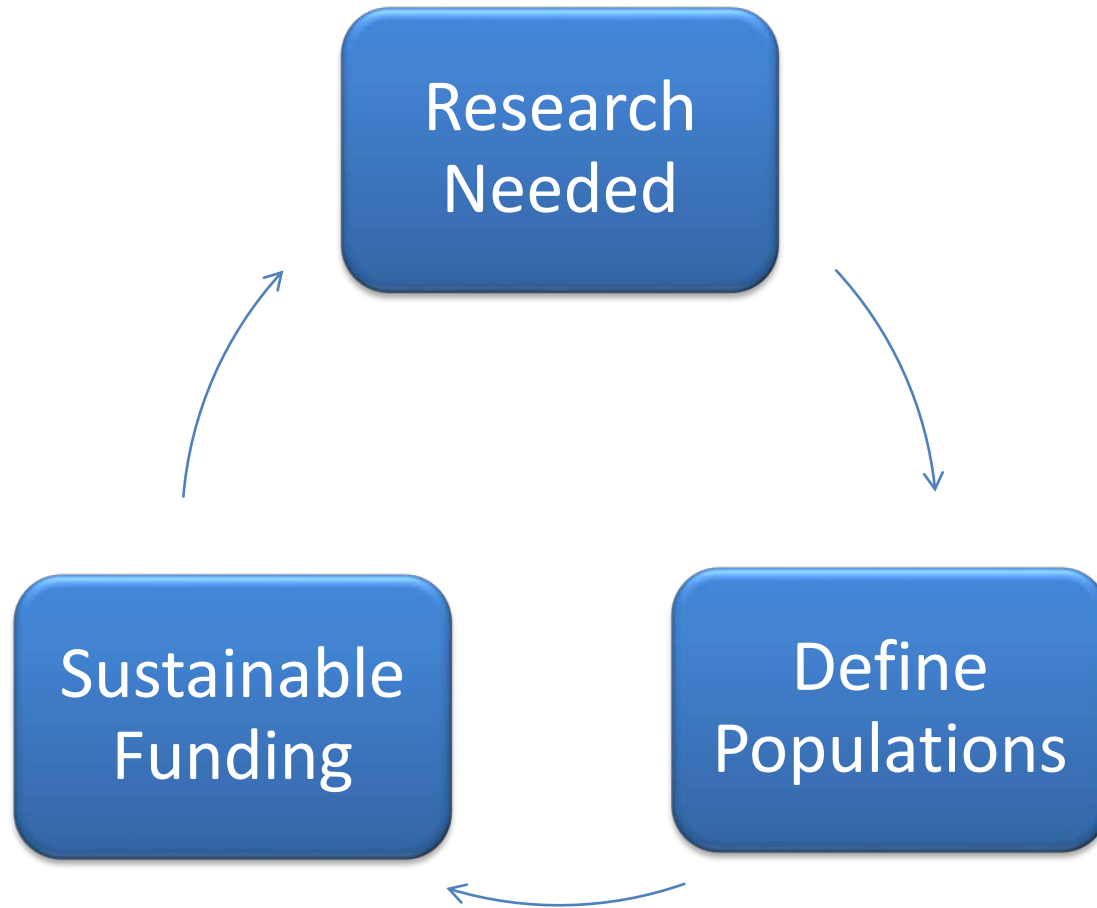
VA encourages its medical centers to provide free space for on-site legal care

# Innovative MLP Financing Opportunities under Medicaid

- Medicaid Managed Care Organizations
  - Case management
  - Care management
  - Value-added non-medical services
- Medicaid Section 1115 Wavier Authority
- Medicaid State Plan Authority
- Other:
  - CMMI Integrated Care for Kids Model Grants
  - CHIP Health Services Initiative funding



# Major Challenge



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