

Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services
Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) for Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
at Licensed SUD Treatment Agencies
Date of Final Award – August 20, 2025

Name of Program: Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) for Individuals with a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) at Licensed SUD Treatment Agencies

Purpose: This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) for legal and navigation services for individuals with a substance use disorder (SUD). Services will help address legal and social issues that present as barriers to accessing needed services (medical, behavioral health, housing, insurance, entitlements, etc.) for individuals with a SUD and to reduce the burden of outstanding legal issues that negatively impact an individual's recovery process and ability to successfully live in the community of their choosing. The goal is to avoid incarceration whenever safely possible and to address any social inequities from a legal perspective.

A medical-legal partnership (MLP) is a collaboration between health care providers and legal personnel (attorneys and legal navigators) to address social needs that impact health. Attorneys will not serve as primary counsel in Superior Court matters but may liaison with the public defender or the individual's private counsel to assist in the individual's case. Navigators will provide one-to-one assistance to individuals to connect them to community resources and assist with navigating legal resources and needs. Similar to the MLP, this RFP seeks to award contracts to licensed SUD treatment agencies that will hire an attorney and navigator to support eligible individuals. These individuals must have an SUD, and are either currently using substances or in their recovery. Individuals served must be enrolled in SUD treatment. No individual shall be denied full access to legal or navigation services due to the use of legitimately prescribed medications or actively using illicit or other drugs.

This RFP is funded with settlement payments from major nationwide litigation and settlements that involve the opioid industry. Total annualized funding is \$2,750,000, subject to New Jersey's Opioid Settlement State appropriations. DMHAS made seven awards of up to \$392,857 each, totaling \$2,604,486.

Agency	CEO/ Executive Director	Amount Funded	County of Award
Care Plus NJ, Inc.	Brigitte D. Johnson, President/ CEO	\$392,857	Bergen
Oaks Integrated Care	Derry Holland, Chief Executive Officer	\$392,857	Burlington
Maryville, Inc.- Residential Program	Jared Levy, Chief Executive Officer - Designate	\$392,857	Burlington, Gloucester
The Cooper Health System	Matthew Salzman, MD, JD, MBE, Co-President and Co-CEO	\$392,857	Camden
Maryville, Inc. – Outpatient Program	Jared Levy, Chief Executive Officer - Designate	\$392,857	Cumberland, Gloucester
The Center for Prevention and Counseling, Inc.	Michele Wolf, Executive Director	\$247,344	Sussex
Center for Family Services, Inc.	Richard Stagliano, Chief Executive Officer	\$392,857	Warren