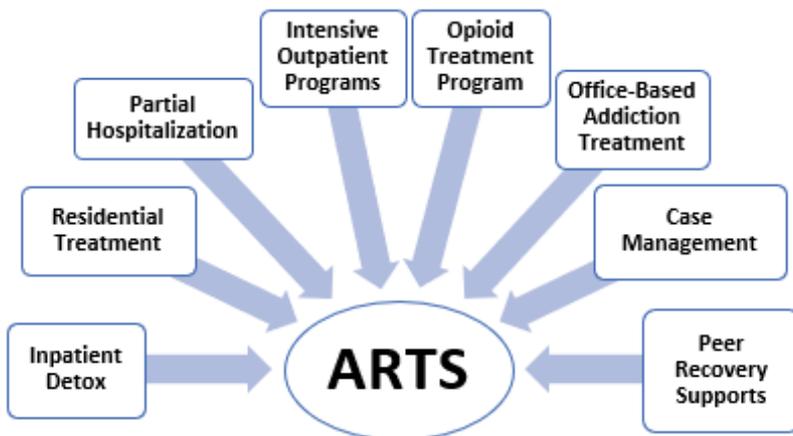


## ADDICTION & RECOVERY TREATMENT SERVICES

### ORIGIN & HISTORY

Medicaid agencies have a critical leadership role in expanding access to treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). Almost four in ten individuals with OUD are covered by Medicaid. Starting in 2017, Virginia Medicaid undertook a series of reforms to expand access to care for individuals with substance use disorders (SUD) with a particular focus on OUD. This included implementing a new benefit called Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS). The ARTS benefit extended coverage of the addiction benefit to all Medicaid beneficiaries; expanded coverage to the entire continuum of addiction care including residential services for adults for SUD. ARTS was the first step in an investment in enhancing behavioral health services, and led the way for the Project BRAVO initiative that followed in 2021. Today we consider these aligned initiatives as one large project aimed at improving our overall behavioral health service array.



ARTS provides the full continuum of evidence-based addiction treatment to ensure that members are matched to the right level of care to meet their evolving needs as they enter and progress through treatment.

### WHY IS ARTS IMPORTANT?

Medicaid is the largest payer of behavioral health services in the Commonwealth, and nearly 1/3 of all Medicaid members have a behavioral health diagnosis. The demand for both mental health and SUD services have increased with the COVID-19 pandemic, and Virginia's drug overdose rates remain higher than ever before. In order to make the most of our Medicaid investments, Virginia needs to implement services that are evidence-based, trauma-informed, and support efforts to build and sustain a strong healthcare workforce.

#### # MEDICAID MEMBERS W/ SUD - 2016



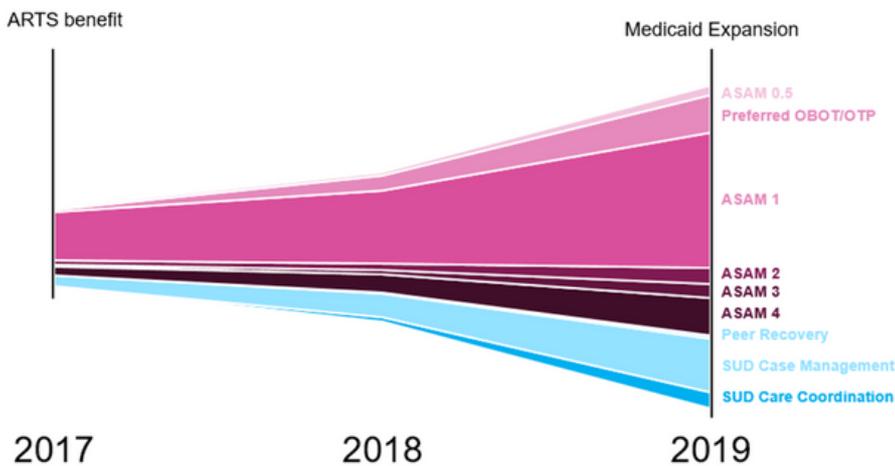
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# IMPACT OF THE ARTS BENEFIT



ARTS led to substantial increases in the number of practitioners and facilities providing addiction treatment services to Medicaid enrolled members, including residential treatment facilities, opioid treatment programs, office-based addiction treatment providers, and buprenorphine waived practitioners. The number of outpatient practitioners billing for ARTS services for Medicaid members with opioid or other substance use disorders has **more than quadrupled** since 2016 (the year before ARTS).



**These providers may serve all Virginians with addiction, not just Medicaid members.**

Provider Type	# of Providers Before ARTS	# of Providers ARTS Year 5	% Increase in Providers
Inpatient Detox (ASAM 4)	N/A	70	NEW
Residential Treatment (ASAM 3)	4	95	↑ 2,275%
Partial Hospitalization Programs (ASAM 2.5)	N/A	40	NEW
Intensive Outpatient Programs (ASAM 2.1)	49	209	↑ 327%
Opioid Treatment Programs	6	44	↑ 633%
Preferred Office-Based Addiction Treatment Providers	N/A	198	NEW
Outpatient practitioners billing for ARTS services (ASAM 1)	1,087	6,184	↑ 469%

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Visit the DMAS ARTS website for more information:

<https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/for-providers/addiction-and-recovery-treatment-services>

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