



2017-2018 Project Work Plan

Focus Area 3: Scopes of Practice (SOPs)

- **Understanding roles of peer providers, addiction counselors, and community health workers in behavioral health:** Building on data gathered in 2016 for peer recovery specialist and addiction counselor SOPs, we will collect SOPs for community health workers across all states and D.C. and conduct a comparative analysis to identify similarities and differences in scopes of practice and functions in the behavioral health workforce. Factors related to Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement for peers, addiction counselors, and community health workers will be considered. For addiction counselors, unique licensing dimensions (such as substitution of academic degrees for supervised work experience and multiple levels of licensure and certification) will also be considered.