

218A.278 Pilot program to analyze outcomes and effectiveness of substance abuse treatment programs -- Definitions for section.

- (1) As used in this section:
 - (a) "Analyze" means to apply scientific and mathematical measures to determine meaningful patterns and associations in data. "Analyze" includes descriptive analysis to examine historical data, predictive analysis to examine future probabilities and trends, and prescriptive analysis to examine how future decisions may impact the population and trends; and
 - (b) "Pilot program" means a program in a county or set of counties, or a subset or subsets of the population, as designated by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Office of Drug Control Policy for analyzing the effectiveness of substance abuse treatment services in Kentucky.
- (2) The general purpose of this section is to assist in the development of a pilot program to analyze the outcomes and effectiveness of substance abuse treatment programs in order to ensure that the Commonwealth is:
 - (a) Addressing appropriate risk and protective factors for substance abuse in a defined population;
 - (b) Using approaches that have been shown to be effective;
 - (c) Intervening early at important stages and transitions;
 - (d) Intervening in appropriate settings and domains; and
 - (e) Managing programs effectively.
- (3) Sources of data for the pilot program shall include, at a minimum, claims under the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services, the electronic monitoring system for controlled substances established under KRS 218A.202, and the Department of Workers' Claims.
- (4) As funds are available, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Office of Drug Control Policy shall initiate a pilot program to determine, collect, and analyze performance measurement data for substance abuse treatment services to determine practices that reduce frequency of relapse, provide better outcomes for patients, hold patients accountable, and control health costs related to substance abuse.
- (5) By December 31, 2016, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Office of Drug Control Policy shall issue a joint report to the Legislative Research Commission and the Office of the Governor that:
 - (a) Details the findings of the pilot program;
 - (b) Includes recommendations based on the pilot program's results for optimizing substance abuse treatment services; and
 - (c) Includes recommendations for the continued application of analytics to further augment Kentucky's approach to fighting substance abuse in the future.

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