

**SIM Funding Allocation Request**

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| Requestor | Maine Developmental Disabilities Council |
| Date of Request | 6/8/2015 |
| Amount of Request | 36,854.00 |

**Reason for Funding Request:**

The MDDC council seeks funding to support the coordination, planning and follow-up with the initiative to educate DSP, guardians, case managers and physicians across the State of Maine in improving the quality of care for patient with developmental disabilities.

**SIM Strategy Supported by the Request:**

*It is important to understand which of the six SIM strategies will be supported by the funding request. Pleas indicate below with a brief explanation of how they will be supported.*

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|  **SIM Strategy** | **Add ‘X’ if investment will support** | **Explanation** |
| Strengthen Primary Care | X | Improving the knowledge of healthcare providers to increase their recognition of pain behaviors in patients with I/DD and decrease the use of anti-psychotropic medication for negative behaviors in this population.  |
| Integrate Physical and Behavioral Health |  |  |
| Develop New Workforce Models | X | We are developing core expectations for medical providers to improve the management of this population |
| Develop New Payment Models | X | We are working to identify payment codes that can be used when treating this patient population that have very complex needs.  |
| Centralize Data and Analysis |  |  |
| Engage People and Communities | X | We will be providing trainings in 16 counties, training greater than 200 medical providers and more than 200 direct support personnel, guardians, and caregivers  |

**Expected Outcomes of the Investment**

The outcome of this project will realize decrease the usage of anti-psychotropic medications to control negative behaviors in patients with I/DD. This program will improve the knowledge of medical providers in recognizing pain as it relates to behavior. This program will also increase access to quality healthcare for this population by improving provider and caregiver knowledge of common overlooked conditions in patients with I/DD.