

# Policy Implications of Implementing Recovery-Focused Care: National Perspective

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# Regulation

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- There is no uniform regulation of RSS
    - Traditionally, providers were peer-driven, grass-roots entities.
    - Now, need to strike a balance between insuring the delivery of quality RSS without imposing unnecessary burdens
  
  - Some states have implemented licensing or certification requirements for recovery programs
    - Connecticut, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Michigan
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# Oversight

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- ❑ States and programs themselves have implemented various forms of oversight, including:
    - Monitoring – site visits, performance meetings
    - Reporting – demographic information
    - Auditing – fiscal and contract compliance
  - ❑ Aimed at ensuring compliance with local and federal law
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- ❑ Non-governmental certification boards
    - Florida, Connecticut and New Jersey Certification Boards
      - ❑ Certify various recovery support specialists
      - ❑ Using independent, often nationally recognized standards
    - Mission is to protect health and welfare of clients by setting professional and ethical standards
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# Quality Assurance

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- States and programs use a wide variety of quality assurance mechanisms to insure delivery of quality RSS, including:
    - Training requirements
    - Reporting and monitoring requirements
    - Site visits
    - Surveys of client satisfaction
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# Financing

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- ❑ Biggest challenge for states and RSS providers.
  - ❑ Programs and states have sought:
    - Federal discretionary grants
    - Medicaid reimbursements
    - Private grant funding
    - Fee for service
    - Competitive Contracts
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# Major Recommendations

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- ❑ Increase funding for RSS to expand capacity and attract/retain qualified workforce
  - ❑ Ensure qualified persons with criminal histories are eligible to provide peer services
  - ❑ View systems changes as a multi-year process which requires flexibility and innovation
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# Major Recommendations

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- ❑ Establish effective communication amongst providers and between providers and regulators
  - ❑ Communicate the importance of being open to change and the need for patience
  - ❑ Stakeholders must collaborate
  - ❑ Stop seeing funding as a competition amongst RSS providers
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