The Rochester-Monroe Recovery Center will become the anchor for the broad network of recovery support services that will make up the NY SOARS system. Many individuals will meet the eligibility criteria for NY SOARS. In the Monroe County Community, priority populations have identified, however enrollment is not exclusive to individuals in these groups.

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The Primary Goal of NY SOARS

**Enhanced Recovery**

In addition, NY SOARS will: Expand Capacity, Support Client Choice and Increase the array of faith-based and community based providers for clinical treatment and recovery support services.

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**Priority Populations**

- Criminal Justice/Re-Entry
- Veterans
- Latinos
- Individuals with secondary diagnosis's (mental health, physical, hearing, vision)

How does NY SOARS/Access to Recovery Work?

NY SOARS participants get assessed at designated community sites, by Recovery Care Managers. If it is determined that the individual would benefit from NY SOARS recovery support services and accepts the services, the client is presented with a choice of at least two providers from whom services will be received. Once the selection is made and choice has been ensured, an electronic voucher is issued for the approved services. The client then goes to the service provider and redeems his/her voucher for services. Vouchers are redeemed by the provider as revenue for the recovery support service they have provided. To learn more information about Recovery Care Managers and the Recovery Support Services network, please view the attached NY SOARS overview handout. All faith-based, community-based and OASAS-certified programs are encouraged to obtain a copy of the NYS SOARS Recovery Support Services Application to determine if this initiative aligns with your program’s mission.

**NY SOARS And OASAS-Certified Treatment Providers**

Individuals do not need to be linked with traditional chemical dependency treatment to be enrolled in NY SOARS. NY SOARS enrollees may: currently be in treatment, have completed treatment and may have no connection to treatment.

NY SOARS does support OASAS-certified treatment providers. Examples of clinical treatment services include screening, assessment, individual counseling, group counseling, treatment services for co-occurring mental disorders, and medication-assisted therapy. OASAS-certified treatment providers can apply to enroll in NY SOARS as a recovery support service provider. While NY SOARS does not pay for clinical treatment services, enrolled OASAS-certified clinical treatment providers are eligible to receive vouchers when NY SOARS enrollees are provided increased access to treatment and experience improved treatment outcomes.

For additional information on NY SOARS, including a Recovery Support Service Application, contact Robert Dempsey at 753-2696
NY SOARS Overview

Recovery Support Services (RSS)

Where can you access RSS?
Any Community Organizations that choose to enroll in Network (TBD)

What are RSS?
RSS is broadly defined as approved supports and services designed to engage and maximize the ability of eligible participants to be successful in their recovery, and to live productively in the community.

**All linkages to Recovery Support Services are made by the RCM and are based on consumer choice and individual recovery plan**

Service Providers can redeem vouchers (as revenue) for the following Recovery Support Services

Voucherable Services

- Parenting Skills
- Safe Childcare
- Housing Assistance
- Primary Healthcare
- Counseling-Family/Pastoral
- Transportation
- Life-Skills Workshop
- Job Readiness
- Peer Coaching
- Health & Wellness
- Civic Restoration
- Education-Certs/License

Treatment-Related Voucherable Services

- OASAS-Certified Outpatient Treatment

ATR Treatment w/RSS

- Insurance/Patient Fees pays for treatment

Vouchers Available For:
- Timely Access to Assessment
- Timely Admission to Treatment
- Engagement/Retention
- Improved Outcomes in Various Life Domains (Per OASAS Client Data System)

Who Is Eligible for NY SOARS?

Adults (18+) with a history of, or current alcohol or other drug related problems and who need recovery support services to establish or sustain their recovery.

Interested individuals should meet with an RCM to determine if ATR is a good fit.

Recovery Care Managers (RCM)

Where can you access a RCM?

| Rochester-Monroe Recovery Network | OASAS-Certified Outpatient Program(s) | OASAS-Certified Residential Program(s) |

What can RCMs Do?

- Provide support and informed free choice
- Link to community resources
- Screen/assess for substance use disorders
- Assess/Enroll/Support/Discharge in NY SOARS
  - Data Collection/Enrollment
  - Develop individual recovery plan
  - Refer to and voucher consumer chosen recovery support services
  - Refer to behavioral health treatment
  - Support individual and recovery plan goals
  - Assess impact of recovery support services on consumer interests and needs and adjust as needed
- Discharge and be available to re-engage when needed