

Answers from Project Office Re: Allowable Expenses for SHIP FY22

|   | Topic                             | Question  | Answer   |
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| 1 | HIPAA Privacy and Security        | We are looking at contracting with a company that will help with HIPAA policies, Risk assessments, notice of privacy practice, and training for privacy and security officers. There is also training for all facility staff. I was told we could use SHIP funds to pay for contracting with this company by the vendor. Does this fall under the patient quality improvement or another category. Would this be an eligible use of our SHIP funding? This is a link to their website <a href="https://hipaatrek.com/">https://hipaatrek.com/</a> | "If the company were to offer training on all the things listed, we could probably see what SHIP could do. However, it seems that this company will create and do most of these things for the hospital and only train on part of them (SHIP does not train on general security). The scope does not fit into the realm of SHIP purchasing." |
| 2 | Clinic Quality Measures Software  | Can SHIP grant funds be used for quality measure software for the clinic?   | Not allowable. SHIP grant funds should be around training for clinic quality improvement. Funds do not support software or actual measure input/analysis for the clinic.   |
| 3 | e-learning platforms for training | Can we use SHIP grant funds for Care Learning or Health Stream employee training for safety, quality, risk, emergency preparedness?   | Not allowable  |
| 4 | Patient Safety                    | Can you tell me if I would be able to use funding to <u>increase patient safety</u> by installing a second set of ER doors inside the entrance for screening and after hours access? We need a way to screen people after hours due to lack of security and could do this if we install a second set of doors inside our corridor where our nurse call system and cameras could help our night nurses screen and safely allow access to the facility. I wasn't sure if that option would allow me to use it for that?                             | Not allowable  |
| 5 | Strategic Planning Services       | Can we utilize SHIP grant funds to pay for a consultant to assist our facility with strategic planning at a retreat out of the city?  | This is no longer an allowable expense   |

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| 6 | HCAHPS            | How do we use grant funds for HCAHPS?  | In order for SHIP grant funds to be used, the dates of service have to fall within the SHIP grant period, not the billed date. Also, only HCAHPS can be used for this grant - no emergency department or clinic surveys can be paid. |
| 7 | Pharmacy Services | Can we pay for the services of the pharmacist/telepharmacy contract with grant funds?  | This is no longer an allowable expense; training and hardware/software are allowed   |
| 9 | K-TRACS           | Would we be able to use SHIP money to add connection to KTRAC's to improve our monitoring of opioids in the prescription drug monitoring program. I know there are some costs associated with the HL7 interface etc. I thought this would fit under "pharmacy services". | Allowable, as long as you can isolate the costs of connecting to K-TRACS from the general/overarching expenses of the EHR or HL7.  |