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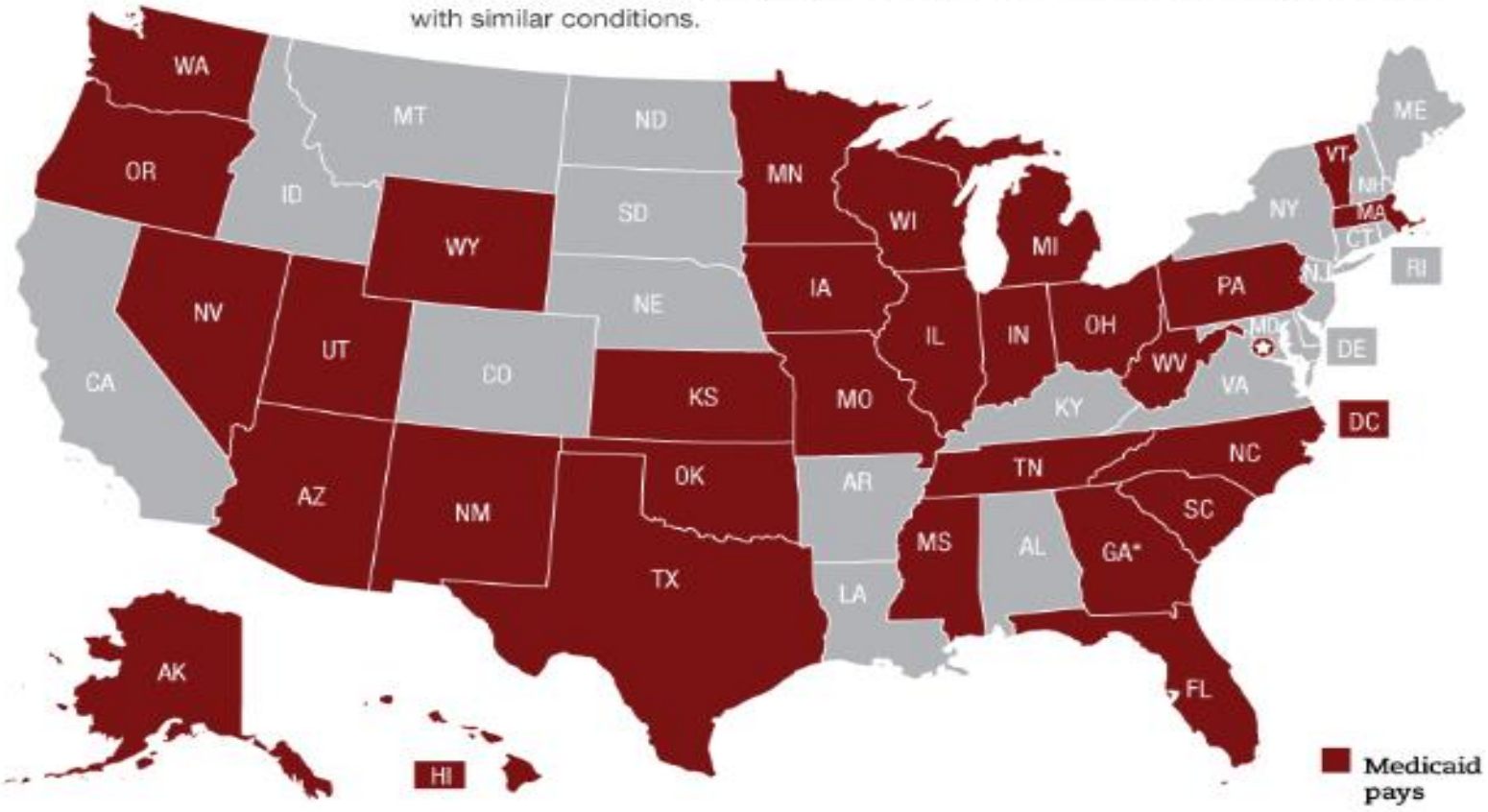
Mental Health Peer Specialists

States where Medicaid pays for them

In 31 states, Medicaid pays for licensed peer specialists, counselors recovering from severe mental illness or substance addiction who are trained to help others with similar conditions.



Source: OptumHealth and Appalachian Consulting Group
NOTE: In Georgia, Medicaid pays peer specialists to provide "whole health" counseling.

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Source – (2013): http://www.pewtrusts.org/en/research-and-analysis/blogs/stateline/2013/09/11/peers-seen-easing-mental-health-worker-shortage