Subpart 15. Substance Use Disorders Services

Chapter 141. General Provisions

§14101. Introduction

A. The Medicaid Program hereby adopts provisions to provide coverage under the Medicaid state plan for substance use disorders (SUD) services rendered to children and adults. These services shall be administered under the authority of the Department of Health and Hospitals, in collaboration with managed care organizations (MCOs) and the coordinated system of care (CSoC) contractor, which shall be responsible for the necessary operational and administrative functions to ensure adequate service coordination and delivery. The CSoC contractor shall only manage specialized behavioral health services for children/youth enrolled in the CSoC program.

B. The SUD services rendered shall be those services which are medically necessary to reduce the disability resulting from the illness and to restore the individual to his/her best possible functioning level in the community.

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Chapter 143. Services

§14301. General Provisions

A. All addiction services must be medically necessary. The medical necessity for services shall be determined by a licensed mental health practitioner (LMHP) or physician who is acting within the scope of his/her professional license and applicable state law.

B. SUD services are subject to prior approval by the MCO or the CSoC contractor.

C. American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) levels of care require prior approval and reviews on an ongoing basis, as deemed necessary by the department to document compliance with national standards.

D. Services provided to children and youth must include communication and coordination with the family and/or legal guardian and custodial agency for children in state custody. Coordination with other child-serving systems should occur as needed to achieve the treatment goals. All coordination must be documented in the child's medical record.

1. The agency or individual who has the decision making authority for a child or adolescent in state custody must approve the provision of services to the recipient.

E. Children who are in need of SUD services shall be served within the context of the family and not as an isolated unit.

1. Services shall be:

a. delivered in a culturally and linguistically competent manner; and

b. respectful of the individual receiving services.

2. Services shall be appropriate to individuals of diverse racial, ethnic, religious, sexual, and gender identities, and other cultural and linguistic groups.

3. Services shall also be appropriate for:

a. age;

b. development; and

c. education.

F. Evidence-based practices require prior approval and fidelity reviews on an ongoing basis as determined necessary by the department.

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§14303. Covered Services

A. The following SUD services shall be reimbursed under the Medicaid Program:

1. assessment;

2. outpatient treatment; and

3. residential treatment.

B. Service Exclusions. The following services/components shall be excluded from Medicaid reimbursement:

1. components that are not provided to, or directed exclusively toward the treatment of, the Medicaid eligible individual;

2. services provided at a work site which are job tasks oriented and not directly related to the treatment of the recipient's needs;

3. any services or components in which the basic nature of which are to supplant housekeeping, homemaking, or basic services for the convenience of an individual receiving services;

4. services rendered in an institute for mental disease; and

5. room and board for any rates provided in a residential setting.

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Chapter 145. Provider Participation

§14501. Provider Responsibilities

A. Each provider of SUD services shall enter into a contract with one or more of the MCOs or the CSoC contractor in order to receive reimbursement for Medicaid covered services.

B. All services shall be delivered in accordance with federal and state laws and regulations, the provisions of this Rule, the provider manual, and other notices or directives issued by the department. Providers shall meet the

provisions of this Rule, the provider manual and the appropriate statutes.

C. Providers of SUD services shall ensure that all services are authorized and any services that exceed established limitations beyond the initial authorization are approved for re-authorization prior to service delivery.

D. Anyone providing SUD services must be certified by the department, or its designee, in addition to operating within their scope of practice license. To be certified or recertified, providers shall meet the provisions of this Rule, the provider manual and the appropriate statutes.

E. Residential addiction treatment facilities shall be accredited by an approved accrediting body and maintain such accreditation. Denial, loss of or any negative change in accreditation status must be reported to the MCO or CSoC contractor in writing within the time limit established by the department.

F. Providers shall maintain case records that include, at a minimum:

- 1. a copy of the treatment plan;
- 2. the name of the individual;
- 3. the dates of service;
- 4. the nature, content, and units of services provided;
- 5. the progress made toward functional improvement; and
 - 6. the goals of the treatment plan.

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