

Position Statement

2021

Substance Use Disorder

Proposal

Issue: Counties have expressed concern over access to SUD (Substance Use Disorder) services under SUD reform, particularly initial access to an assessment and available treatment. During the last year the SUD State/County Workgroup worked together to provide an alternative and provide a “safety net” to those individuals who may suffer consequences of incarceration and/or have their children placed in foster care if they are found to not be in compliance with what the Court has ordered in regards to SUD assessment and/or treatment.

Implementation Strategy: While the ideal situation would be for Counties to complete Comprehensive Assessments, many counties anticipate not being able to meet the credentialing requirements.

For this reason, this workgroup created another option, Pretreatment Coordination Services. These services would be provided by county staff and would assist individuals in finding a provider to conduct their comprehensive assessment and address barriers to obtaining treatment. These services will be MA billable and in the event CMS does not cover them, it will be requested that the State pay the cost of pretreatment coordination services.

Additionally, this statute should be amended to allow counties to be providers of peer support recovery services.

Systemic Priority Alignment (highlight all that apply and explain why)

- Equity
- Integrated Services
- Fiscal Framework

From the GARE Toolkit (See www.racialequityalliance.org): What are the racial equity impacts of this particular decision? Who will benefit from or be burdened by it? Are there strategies to mitigate unintended consequences?

Comments:

Relevant Committee (highlight all that apply and explain why)

- Adult Services
- Behavioral Health
- Children’s Services
- Modernization

- Policy
- Self-Sufficiency

Why:

Rationale/Background:

Substance Use Disorder Reform is being implemented using a dual process through June 30, 2022. During this time, individuals will have the option to have a comprehensive assessment completed and will be able to participate in decision making concerning their treatment options. Counties are interested in providing “safety net” services for those individuals who may experience difficulties in accessing these services, especially during the dual process period, to assure access to SUD services.



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