

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE OUTPATIENT CARE  
AND  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES (RESIDENTIAL)**

*(Year ~~323~~ Service Priorities: #~~9-12~~ for outpatient Part A and #~~4-8~~ for MAI; and #~~7-10~~ for Part A residential only)*

*Note: Following Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) terminology, clients are now referred to as individuals served.*

Two types of substance abuse counseling and treatment services are included in this section: Outpatient and Residential. **Substance Abuse Outpatient Care** is a core medical service. **Substance Abuse Services (Residential)** is a support service. Both of these substance abuse service components shall comply with the following requirements:

- A. Program Operation Requirements:** Providers are encouraged to provide services that are highly accessible to target populations.

Providers are also encouraged to demonstrate linkages with other service providers relevant to the needs of people with HIV in substance abuse treatment programs. Providers should especially demonstrate linkages with other services relevant to the needs of people in substance abuse treatment programs including housing and shelter programs.

Service must be provided in settings that foster the client's sense of self-determination, dignity, responsibility for own actions, relief of anxiety, and peer support.

Providers are encouraged to offer program services to families to support the family unit. However, substance abuse services may be provided to members of a client's family in an outpatient setting only (i.e., non-HIV family members may not stay in the residential facility), and only if the program-eligible individual served (client) is also being served. A family member's participation in the substance abuse counseling sessions is included in the per day cost charged to the Ryan White Program (See Section II.A. of this service definition on the following page for details). **IMPORTANT NOTE:** *For the purpose of this service, family members are defined as those individuals living in the same household as the client.*

Individual treatment plans must be documented in the client's chart and linked to the provision of primary medical care.

Providers must ensure that clients adhere to their treatment plan, including prescription drug regimens.

Providers of substance abuse services must offer flexible schedules that accommodate the client's nutritional needs in order to facilitate client compliance with medication regimens.

Providers are encouraged to practice and incorporate motivational interviewing and harm reduction strategies to their clients, if deemed clinically appropriate.

A residential substance abuse episode is not a pre-requisite to access Substance Abuse Outpatient Care. However, clients stepping down from or completing Substance Abuse Services (Residential) are encouraged to transition to Substance Abuse Outpatient Care. Furthermore, providers shall attempt a warm hand off to Substance Abuse Outpatient Care, where appropriate.,

## **I. Substance Abuse Outpatient Care**

**Substance Abuse Outpatient Care** is the provision of outpatient services for the treatment of drug or alcohol use disorders. This service includes medical or other treatment and/or counseling to address substance abuse problems (i.e., alcohol and/or legal and illegal drugs) in an outpatient setting by a Physician or under the supervision of a Physician, or by other qualified personnel as indicated below. This program provides regular, ongoing substance abuse monitoring and counseling on an individual and/or group basis in a state-licensed outpatient setting.

Services include screening, assessment, diagnosis and/or treatment of substance use disorder. Allowable substance use disorder treatments include: pre-treatment/recovery readiness programs; harm reduction; behavioral health counseling associated with substance use disorders; outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling; medication assisted therapy; psychopharmaceutical interventions; substance abuse education; and relapse prevention. Services may also include mental health counseling to reduce depression, anxiety and other disorders associated with substance abuse; conflict resolution; anger management; and relapse prevention. All clients receiving this service must have a Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) or International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) diagnosis of substance use disorder.

Acupuncture therapy may be allowable under this service category only when, as part of a substance use disorder treatment program funded under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, it is included in a documented plan. Acupuncture therapy must be provided by an acupuncturist who is licensed in the State of Florida to provide such service.

Providers of this service must specify the maximum number of clients expected to be enrolled in a group counseling session. The minimum amount of group participants is three (3) Ryan White Program clients per group and should be no higher than fifteen (15) total persons per group. The ratio of group counseling

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participants to Counselors should be no lower than 3:1 and no higher than 15:1. One unit is equal to one half-hour counseling session.

**Substance Abuse Outpatient Care levels are specific to the education level of the provider of the service, as indicated below, and are not interchangeable:**

- **Substance Abuse Outpatient Care (Level I) - Professional Substance Abuse Counseling.** Level I services include *general and intensive* substance abuse therapy and counseling (individual, family, and group) provided by trained mental health or certified addiction professionals. Activities include forming or strengthening support groups, development of understanding of treatment options, holistic or alternative therapies (meditation, visualization, stress reduction, etc.), and other areas appropriate for individual and group socio-emotional support. Direct service providers for Level I must possess at least a *doctorate or postgraduate degree* (PhD or Master's degree) in the appropriate counseling-related field, and preferably be licensed as a *certified addiction professional* (CAP), Licensed Clinical Psychologist, LCSW, LMHC, or LMFT to provide such services.
  - **Substance Abuse Outpatient Care (Level II) - Counseling and Support Services.** Level II services include supportive and crisis substance abuse counseling by trained and supervised Counselors (who may possess Bachelor's degrees or have related experience, and may not be licensed), peers, and facilitators. Activities include forming or strengthening support groups, development of understanding of treatment options, holistic or alternative therapies (meditation, visualization, stress reduction, etc.), and other areas appropriate for individual and group socio-emotional support. Non-certified personnel providing this Level II service will be supervised by professionals with appropriate Level I substance abuse counseling credentials.
  - **Tele-substance abuse outpatient care services** are also available. Please see Section XVI, Additional Policies and Procedures, of this Service Delivery Manual for more details.
- B. Additional Service Delivery Standards:** Providers of these services will also be required to adhere to generally accepted clinical guidelines for substance abuse treatment of persons with HIV/AIDS. (Please refer to Section III of this FY ~~2022~~ 2023 Service Delivery Manual for details, as may be amended.)
- C. Rules for Reimbursement:** Reimbursement for individual and group Substance Abuse Outpatient Care will be based on half-hour counseling sessions (i.e., 1 unit) not to exceed \$30.00 per unit for Level I individual counseling; \$34.00 per unit for Level I group counseling; \$27.00 per unit for Level II individual counseling; and

\$30.00 per unit for Level II group counseling. Reimbursement for individual sessions is calculated for each client and/or family member(s) receiving the counseling, whereas, reimbursement for group sessions is calculated for the Counselor that provided the group counseling. Documentation activities are included in the Substance Abuse Outpatient Care unit of service and are not to be billed as a separate encounter. Substance Abuse Outpatient Care may be provided to members of a client’s family in an outpatient setting if the program-eligible person with HIV (client) is also being served. The client must be currently receiving such services; and preferably, but not necessarily, the family member may be served on the same day as the client.

Tele-substance abuse outpatient care services are reimbursed as follows:

New Code	Description	Flat rate Reimbursement
THSAC1	Tele-Substance Abuse Outpatient Care provided by a Level I provider (individual client only)	\$30.00 per 30-minute session
THSAC2	Tele-Substance Abuse Outpatient Care provided by a Level II provider (individual client only)	\$27.00 per 30-minute session

- D. Additional Rules for Reporting:** The unit of service for reporting monthly activity of individual and group counseling is a *one half-hour counseling session* provided to the client and the number of unduplicated clients served. Providers must also report, on a monthly basis, the number of group counseling units provided by each Counselor.
- E. Linkage/Referrals:** Providers of Substance Abuse Outpatient Care must document the client’s progress through the treatment program, maintain linkages with one or more residential facilities, appropriate community services, including 12-step programs, and be able to refer or place clients in a residential program, in collaboration with the client, Medical Case Manager, and Primary Care Physician when that is found to be appropriate. Providers are required to determine if the client is currently receiving Medical Case Management services; if not, the provider must seek enrollment of the client in a Medical Case Management program of the client’s choice while the client is still receiving substance abuse treatment/counseling. A linkage agreement with the Medical Case Management provider must be established in order to ensure coordination of services while the client remains in treatment.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** referrals from residential substance abuse services to outpatient counseling facilities should only occur when there is a need for HIV specific counseling not offered by the residential facility, or once the client has completed or left their residential treatment program.

- F. Additional Rules for Documentation:** Providers must submit an assurance to OMB that Substance Abuse Outpatient Care services are only provided in an outpatient setting. Providers must maintain professional certifications and licensure documents as required by the State of Florida for staff providing residential substance abuse treatment services to Ryan White Program clients and must make these documents available to OMB staff or authorized persons upon request. Providers must also submit to OMB a copy of the staffing structure showing supervision by a Physician or other qualified personnel. Providers must also maintain client charts that include treatment plans with all required elements, including but not limited to measurable goals and timelines for completion. Documentation in the client chart must also clearly indicate that services were provided as allowable under the local Ryan White Program service definition, and include the quantity, frequency and modality of treatment services, the date treatment begins and ends, regular monitoring and assessment of client progress, and a signature of the individual providing the service or the supervisor as applicable. If acupuncture services were provided, a copy of the written referral from the primary health care provider must be in the client chart.

## **II. Substance Abuse Services (Residential)**

This program offers substance abuse, including alcohol addiction and/or addiction to legal and illegal drugs, treatment and counseling, including HIV specific counseling, to program-eligible people with HIV (clients) on a short-term basis. Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) is also covered as part of the residential treatment services. **Substance Abuse Services (Residential)** provides room and board, in a secure, drug-free, state-licensed residential (non-hospital) substance abuse treatment facility, and, when necessary, detoxification. Detoxification services are allowable, if offered in a separate licensed residential setting (including a separately-licensed detoxification facility within the walls of an inpatient medical or psychiatric hospital). HRSA RWHAP funds may not be used for inpatient detoxification in a hospital setting unless the detoxification facility has a separate license. Proof of the separate license is required for detoxification services.

In accordance with HRSA Policy Clarification Notice #16-02, Substance Abuse Services (Residential), as part of a substance use disorder treatment program funded under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, are permitted **only** when the client has received a written referral from a clinical provider. In Miami-Dade County's Ryan White Part A/MAI Program, this requirement shall be met if the client is accessing the service based on a Ryan White Program In Network Service Referral or Out of Network Referral as a result of a comprehensive health assessment conducted by a Medical Case Manager or other case manager or in response to a court-ordered directive to a residential treatment program. Upon arrival at the residential treatment center and PRIOR TO final enrollment in the treatment program, an assessment MUST be conducted by the residential clinical staff (e.g., Medical Director, Psychologist, Licensed Therapist, etc.) as appropriate using the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual

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of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) assessment tool (e.g., ASAM Criteria®, a Level of Care determination tool) for diagnosis of a substance use disorder or International Classification of Diseases, Tenth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-10-CM) tools. Services will then be provided by or under the supervision of a Physician or by other qualified personnel with appropriate and valid licensure and certification as required by the State of Florida.

If the client is participating in a residential treatment program, the client's family member may visit the facility and participate in the counseling sessions, but the family member may not physically live in the residential facility with the client during the treatment process. As a reminder, a family member's participation in the substance abuse counseling sessions is included in the per day cost charged to the Ryan White Program (See Section II.B. of this service definition on the following page for details).

**Residential treatment programs shall comply with the following requirements:**

- B. Rules for Reimbursement:** The unit of service for reimbursement of Substance Abuse Services (Residential) is a *client-day* of care up to a maximum amount of **\$2540.00** per day. The final, maximum rate is negotiated between the County's Office of Management and Budget-Grants Coordination division and each funded subrecipient. **Under normal circumstances clients may not be enrolled in any Ryan White Program-funded Substance Abuse Services (Residential) program for longer than 120-180 calendar days within a twelve-month period. Twelve months begins on the very first day of a client's residential treatment and restarts every 12 months based on that original start date for Ryan White Program-funded residential substance abuse treatment services. No exceptions, unless approved by the Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget for extreme circumstances (e.g., public health emergencies such as COVID-19 or extreme weather events such as hurricanes). ~~Effective September 1, 2022, the temporary policy allowing more than 120 bed-days of residential substance abuse treatment services due to a COVID-19 related issue will come to an end.~~** Override requests may be considered on a case-by-case basis and would be approved or denied at the discretion of Miami-Dade County Office of Management and Budget-Grants Coordination/Ryan White Program (OMB-GC/RWP) management. Please contact the OMB-GC/RWP office for pre-approval ~~prior to~~ extending residential care past the **1280**-day cap. The length of stay for existing clients will be closely monitored by the County's OMB/Ryan White Program.

Residential substance abuse treatment providers are strongly encouraged to check the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system order to determine how many days of residential treatment service have already been billed for the client, and how many days are remaining in the client's **120/180**-day/12-month period. In addition, providers should call or email the client's previous Substance Abuse Services (Residential) provider, if applicable, to inquire if any services are pending



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to be entered or compiled in the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system. This will affect the actual number of available days versus those that appear in the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system.

- C. Additional Rules for Reporting:** Monthly activity reporting (i.e., reimbursement requests) for Substance Abuse Services (Residential) is per *client-day* of care and number of unduplicated clients served. Providers will indicate in the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system the client’s disposition after Substance Abuse Services (Residential) has ended (e.g., treatment completed, client referred to outpatient substance abuse counseling, client withdrew from treatment, etc.). This process is facilitated by the review and managing of the “RSA Disenrollment Report” available in the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system. Service providers are required to print this report on a monthly basis and disenroll clients who are no longer in active care. Once all residential treatment disenrollments for the month are completed, a final “RSA Disenrollment Report” must be printed and uploaded along with the monthly reimbursement request that is uploaded in the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system.
- D. Linkage/Referrals:** Providers of Substance Abuse Services (Residential) must document the client’s progress through the treatment program, maintain linkages with one or more outpatient facilities and appropriate community services, including 12-step programs, and be able to refer or place clients in an outpatient program, in collaboration with the client, Medical Case Manager, and the Primary Care Physician when that is found to be appropriate. Providers are required to determine if the client is currently receiving Medical Case Management services; if not, the provider must seek enrollment of the client in a Medical Case Management program of the client’s choice while the client is still receiving substance abuse treatment/counseling. A linkage agreement with the Medical Case Management provider must be established in order to ensure coordination of services while the client remains in treatment. **A client’s Ryan White Program-funded Medical Case Manager will receive an automated “pop-up” notification through the Provide® Enterprise Miami data management system upon the client’s discontinuance or release from, completion of, and/or relapse in residential substance abuse treatment.**

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** referrals from residential substance abuse services to outpatient counseling facilities should only occur when there is a need for HIV specific counseling not offered by the residential facility, or once the client has completed or left their residential treatment program.

- E. Special Client Eligibility Criteria:** A Ryan White Program In Network Service Referral or an Out of Network Referral (accompanied by all appropriate supporting documentation) is required for this service. Clients receiving Ryan White Program Part A or MAI-funded Substance Abuse Services (Residential) must be

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documented as having gross household incomes below 400% of the ~~2022-2023~~ Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

- F. Additional Rules for Documentation:** Providers must also maintain professional certifications and licensure documents as required by the State of Florida for staff providing residential substance abuse treatment services to Ryan White Program clients and must make these documents available to OMB staff or authorized persons upon request. Providers must submit to OMB a copy of the staffing structure showing supervision by a Physician or other qualified personnel, and an assurance that all services are provided in a short-term residential setting. Providers must also maintain client charts that include individual treatment plans with all required elements and document that services were provided as allowable under the Ryan White Program service definition, the quantity, frequency and modality of treatment services, the date treatment begins and ends, regular monitoring and assessment of client progress, and a signature of the individual providing the service or the supervisor as applicable. If acupuncture services were provided, a copy of the written referral from the primary health care provider must be in the client chart.

### III. Additional Standards and Guidelines

**Guidelines:** Outpatient and residential substance abuse treatment and counseling providers will adhere to generally accepted clinical guidelines for substance abuse treatment of people with HIV. The following are examples of such guidelines:

- American Society of Addiction Medicine. *The ASAM Principles of Addiction Medicine*, Sixth Edition; November 2, 2018.  
Available at: <https://www.asam.org/publications-resources/textbooks>  
Accessed 6/20/2022.
- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). *The ASAM Criteria: Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions*. Third Edition.  
Available at: <https://www.asam.org/publications-resources/textbooks>  
Accessed 6/20/2022. (Note: the Fourth Edition is currently in development.)
- American Society of Addiction Medicine. Current and archived public policy statements related to the treatment of substance use disorder.  
Available at: <https://www.asam.org/advocacy/public-policy-statements>  
Accessed 6/20/2022.
- Rules governing the treatment of physically drug dependent newborns, substance exposed children, and/or children adversely affected by alcohol and the families of these children that are consistent with the administrative regulations promulgated in Chapter 65 of the Florida Administrative Code by the State of Florida Department of Children and Family Services, as may be amended.

- Rules governing the provision of substance abuse treatment services consistent with the regulations promulgated by the State of Florida's Alcohol Prevention and Treatment (APT) and Drug Abuse Treatment and Prevention (DATAP) programs, as may be amended.
- Rules governing the provision of residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services with regards to licensure and regulatory standards that are consistent with the administrative regulations promulgated in Chapter 65D-30, Substance Abuse Services Office, of the Florida Administrative Code under the State of Florida Department of Children and Families, as may be amended.

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**IV. Best Practices Compilation Search provides interventions that improved outcomes:**

<https://targethiv.org/bestpractices/search?keywords=substance%20abuse&page=1>

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