

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

*(Year 35 Service Priorities: #8 for outpatient Part A and #5 for MAI;
and #11 for Part A residential only)*

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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

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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 Licensed Medical Provider 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-TR) 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 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.

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 of Mental Disorders (DSM-5-TR) 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 Licensed Medical Provider 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).

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 documented as having gross household incomes below 400% of the 2025 Federal Poverty Level (FPL).