

Health First Colorado's Expansion of Medicaid coverage for SUD services

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Timeline update...

Expansion of the Health First Colorado Substance Use Disorder benefit will be implemented January 2021.

The implementation date has been delayed from July 2020 to allow for RAEs and providers to attend to urgent matters related to COVID19.

Background

Benefit Revision Background

- House bill 18-1136
- Correspondence with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to determine path to open coverage of residential and inpatient SUD services
- Submitted an 1115 waiver application for coverage of SUD stays in IMDs and state plan amendment for coverage in non-IMDs

Federal Authorities

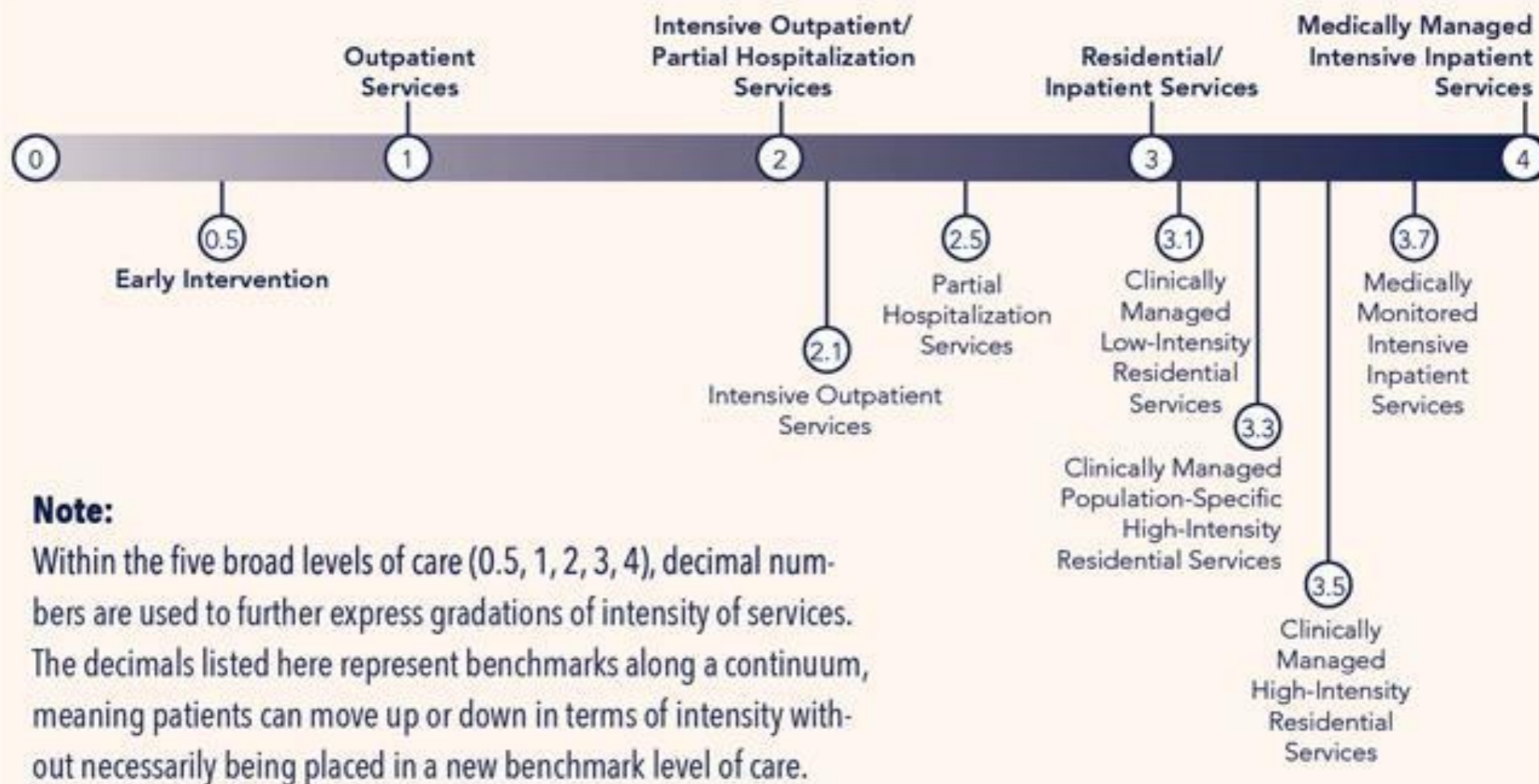
- 1) State Plan - must amend the State Plan to include residential and inpatient treatment and withdrawal management services
- 2) 1115 waiver - authorizes payment for those services in IMDs
- 3) 1915(b)(3) - authorizes payment for those services through the ACC

Department is engaged with CMS on all applications/amendments and will continue to work toward approval.

What is the Continuum of SUD Services?

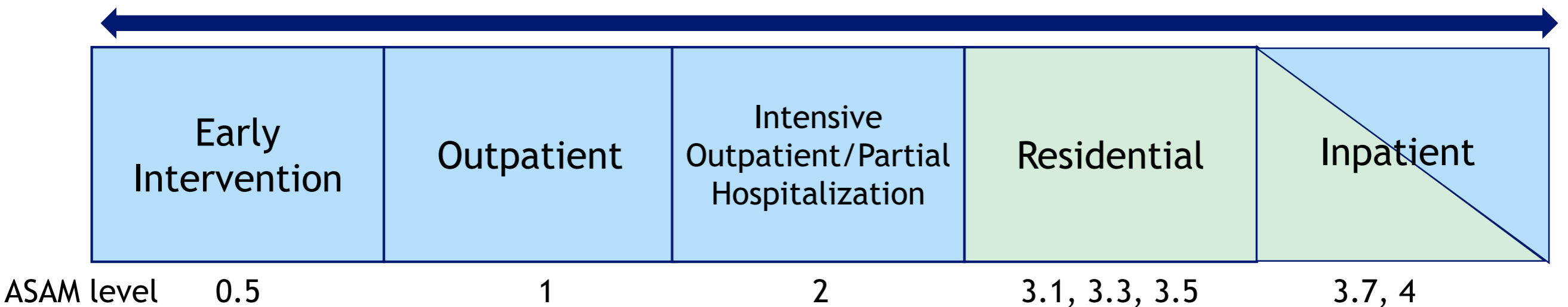
American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) SUD Treatment Continuum

REFLECTING A CONTINUUM OF CARE

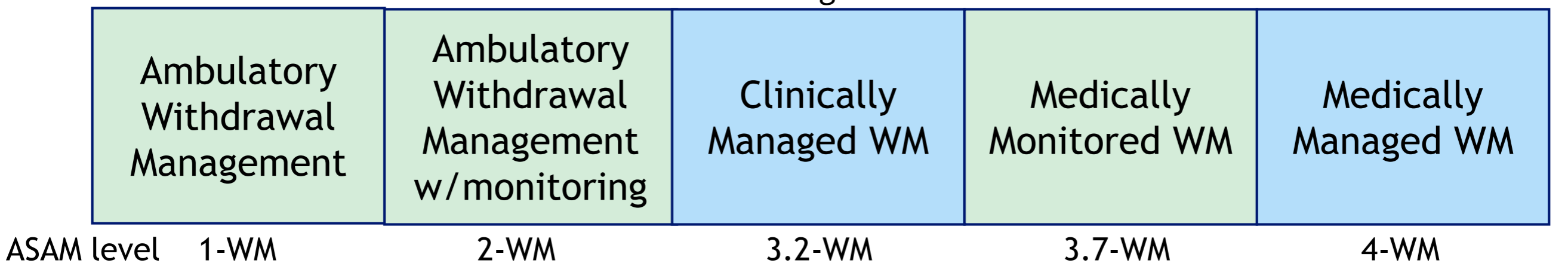


Medicaid Coverage of SUD Services in Colorado

SUD Continuum of Care



Withdrawal Management Services



 Current coverage

 Future coverage

What is changing?

New covered service categories

- SUD residential treatment (clinic services)
ASAM levels 3.1, 3.3, 3.5
- SUD inpatient treatment (clinic/hospital services)
ASAM level 3.7
- SUD inpatient withdrawal management (clinic/hospital services) ASAM level 3.7WM

Delivery System

- Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) will manage services
- Costs will be paid through the behavioral health capitation
- As with other services under the capitation, there will be no cost sharing
- RAE Responsibilities
 - Network development across SUD continuum
 - Administer covered services
 - Utilization management
 - Care coordination

Benefit Management

- Payment will require SUD primary diagnosis and medical necessity
- Medical necessity will be based on ASAM Criteria
- RAEs will conduct UM and require prior authorization for services

Steps toward implementation

Department Implementation Work

- Rate development
- Interchange system changes
- Provider enrollment
- RAE contract amendments
- RAE support for network, capacity and policy development
- Provider support and training

RAE Implementation Tasks

- System configurations for claims payment
- RAE contract revisions
- Provider credentialing and contracting
- Policy development: Utilization management, care coordination, provider training

Provider Preparation

- Review of ASAM criteria and OBH rule changes related to SUD facility licensing (now)
- Train staff on ASAM Criteria (now)
- Reach out to RAEs and MSOs for credentialing and contracting (now)
- Enrollment with Medicaid under ASAM level Specialty Provider Type
- Education about billing and coding procedures

Capacity Assessment and Planning

- Department capacity mapping of SUD continuum services throughout the state
- Regional Capacity Meetings
- SUD Capacity Work Group
- Development of capacity expansion plan to utilize existing resources to address capacity deficiencies across the state

Provider and Stakeholder Communications

- Monthly newsletter, with additional communication as needed between now and go live
- Regular updates on the Ensuring a Full Continuum of SUD Benefits webpage, at: <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/ensuring-full-continuum-sud-benefits>

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