

# Nursing Facility Advisory Council

April 21, 2021

# Agenda

- SUD Benefit Presentation
- P4P- Scoring Letters expected 4-30
- SBS- ~55 applications received
- COVID supplemental- Still waiting on CMS
- Hospital discharges to Nursing Homes
  - Medicaid Pending
  
- Open Comment

# Health First Colorado's Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Benefit Expansion

April 2021

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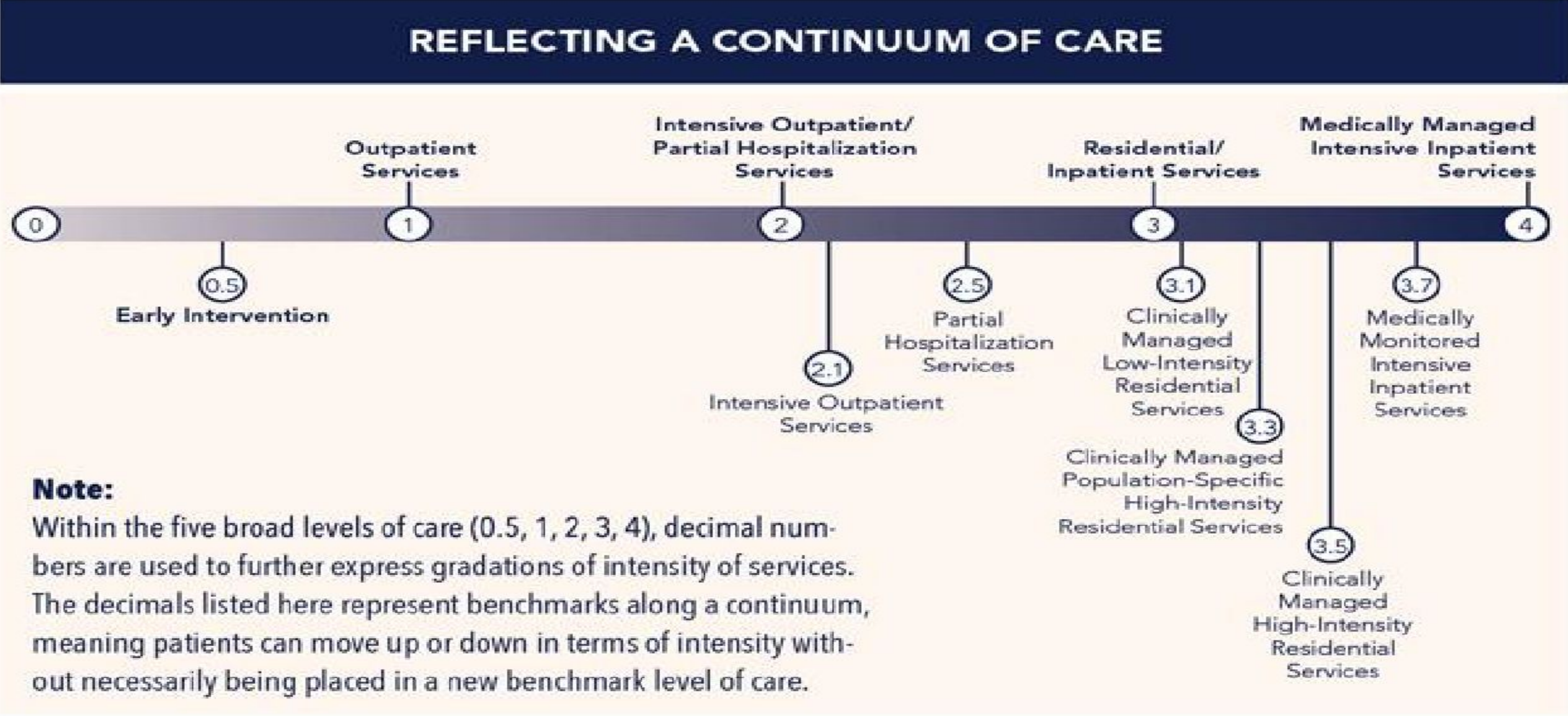
# Background

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- 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
- November 2020: 1115 waiver application for coverage of SUD stays in IMDs and state plan amendment for coverage in non-IMDs approved

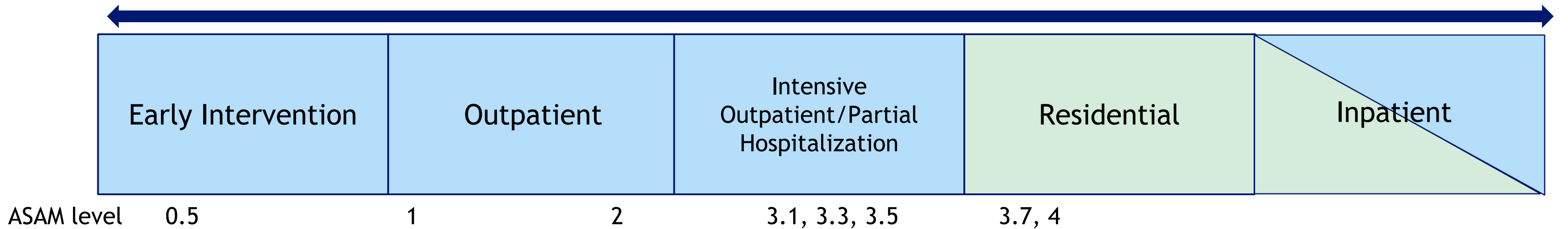
# Coverage of the SUD continuum

# American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) SUD Treatment Continuum

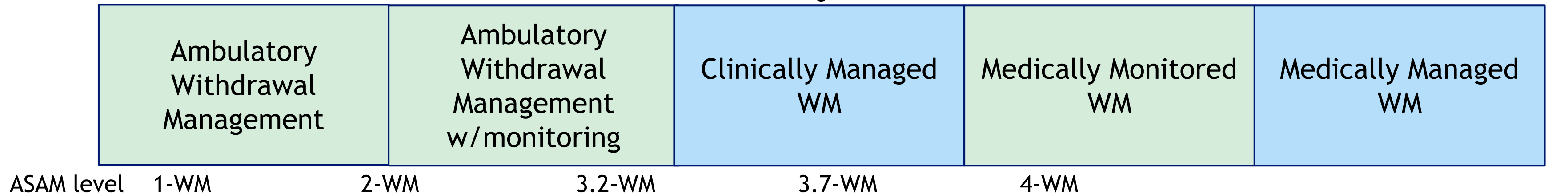


# HFC Coverage of SUD Services in Colorado

## SUD Continuum of Care



## Withdrawal Management Services



Coverage before 1/1/21

Coverage starting 1/1/21



# Delivery System

- Regional Accountable Entities (RAEs) manage services
- RAE Responsibilities
  - Network development across SUD continuum
  - Administer covered services
  - Utilization management
  - Care coordination
  - Integrate care services across the spectrum of behavioral and physical health care

# Benefit Policies

- Coverage will require SUD primary diagnosis and medical necessity
- Length of stay is determined by medical necessity
  - No limit to stay as long as medical necessity is demonstrated
- Medical necessity will be based on ASAM Criteria

# Benefit Policies, contd.

- Prior authorization is required for treatment services
- Prior authorization is not required for withdrawal management (detox) services
- No co-pays for Health First Colorado members

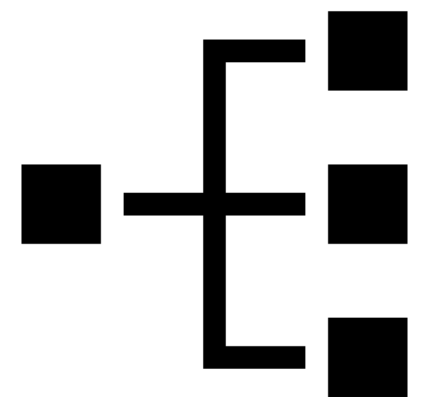
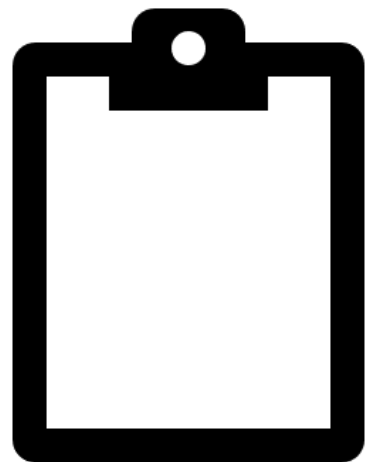
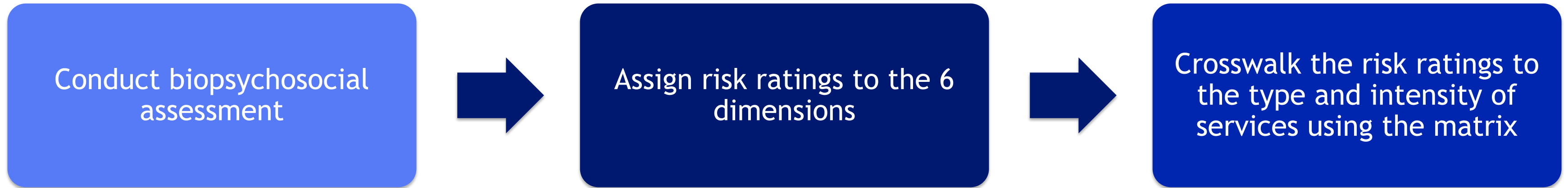
# ASAM and Medical Necessity

## AT A GLANCE: THE SIX DIMENSIONS OF MULTIDIMENSIONAL ASSESSMENT

ASAM's criteria uses six dimensions to create a holistic, biopsychosocial assessment of an individual to be used for service planning and treatment across all services and levels of care. The six dimensions are:

1	<b>DIMENSION 1</b>	<b>Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential</b> Exploring an individual's past and current experiences of substance use and withdrawal
2	<b>DIMENSION 2</b>	<b>Biomedical Conditions and Complications</b> Exploring an individual's health history and current physical condition
3	<b>DIMENSION 3</b>	<b>Emotional, Behavioral, or Cognitive Conditions and Complications</b> Exploring an individual's thoughts, emotions, and mental health issues
4	<b>DIMENSION 4</b>	<b>Readiness to Change</b> Exploring an individual's readiness and interest in changing
5	<b>DIMENSION 5</b>	<b>Relapse, Continued Use, or Continued Problem Potential</b> Exploring an individual's unique relationship with relapse or continued use or problems
6	<b>DIMENSION 6</b>	<b>Recovery/Living Environment</b> Exploring an individual's recovery or living situation, and the surrounding people, places, and things

# Steps in ASAM-based decision making



# Provider Requirements

# Step-by-Step Provider Requirements

- ✓ License with the Office of Behavioral Health.
- ✓ Enroll with Health First Colorado.
- ✓ Contract and credential with each Regional Accountable Entity (RAE) that you will bill for services.
- ✓ Contract with the Managed Service Organization (MSO) serving your region.



# How to Refer or Access Treatment

Health First Colorado members can access treatment through:

- their behavioral health provider (if they already have one)
- their primary care provider
- contacting their RAE directly



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Stakeholder webpage:  
<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/hcpf/ensuring-full-continuum-sud-benefits>

# Thank you!



# Questions



# P4P

- Application was Feb 28th
  - 128 submissions
  - Scoring Letters expected 4-30-21
  - Transition to electronic notification
- 2022 application being finalized

# SBS

- Application was due March 31st
- If you did not get a confirmation, contact
  - Richard.Clark@state.co.us
- 55 applications received -> most ever
  - Approval/denial notifications mid-May

# 2nd COVID Supplemental

[OM 21-008](#)

Authorizes another 8% increase for Jan-March 2021. To be paid as a supplemental payment.

Currently awaiting CMS approval.

# Hospital Discharges to SNFs

## Hospital to SNF discharge inefficiencies

- . Awaiting Medicaid eligibility (Medicaid Pending)
  - SEPs cannot/should not manipulate admit dates to approve case
  - HCBS has the same financial limits
  - 30-day hospital stays have the same financial limits.



# Open Comment