

**Provider SUD Benefit Forum**  
**July 3, 2024 Follow Ups**

Topic Covered	Notes
<p><b>Welcome/Intro</b></p> <p>The SUD Provider Forum is space for Providers to ask questions and learn more about the SUD Benefit, “Ensuring a Full Continuum of Care”. All SUD providers working in outpatient and inpatient (residential and hospital) are encouraged to participate, to ensure the full continuum of care is well represented. The forum is facilitated by <b>Jennifer Holcomb</b> - Behavioral Health Care Section Manager &amp; HCPF SUD Senior Staff Authority</p>	
<p><b>SUD Utilization Management Report</b></p>	<p>The <a href="#">SUD Utilization Management DY3 Annual Report</a> is posted on the HCPF SUD website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This report shows utilization trends for SUD residential and inpatient services across the first three years of the 1115 Demonstration (2021 - 2023).</li> <li>• We encourage providers to review this report and reach out to <a href="mailto:hcpf_sudbenefits@state.co.us">hcpf_sudbenefits@state.co.us</a> with questions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Coverage for PHP Services (ASAM 2.5)</b></p>	<p>As of July 1, 2024, Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid program) now covers ASAM 2.5 Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers interested in delivering this level of care are encouraged to reach out to the BHA regarding licensing.</li> <li>• Providers already licensed to deliver PHP services are encouraged to reach out to the MCEs regarding contracting.</li> <li>• If you have any questions, please reach out to use at <a href="mailto:hcpf_sudbenefits@state.co.us">hcpf_sudbenefits@state.co.us</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>New Specialty Types under PT 64</b></p>	<p>As of July 1, 2024, new Specialty Types have been added under PT 64 to align with BHA Endorsements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See pg 215 of the July 2024 <a href="#">SBHS Coding Manual</a></li> <li>• This primarily affects outpatient providers. Instead of enrolling as Specialty Type (ST) 477 regardless of license, your enrollment with Medicaid will align with your BHA endorsement (just like how it is in the inpatient space).</li> <li>• Providers do not need to re-enroll because the PT is not changing. Rather, outpatient providers must submit a maintenance request through Gainwell to modify your ST.</li> <li>• HCPF expects providers to update their Specialty Type(s) before the end of the calendar year which is when ST 477 will be retired.</li> </ul>

<p><b>ASAM 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Updates</b></p>	<p>BHA &amp; HCPF are hosting a listening session on the future of ASAM Level 3.2WM in ASAM 3th Edition standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• July 23, 2024 from 12:00 - 1:30pm</li> <li>• <a href="#">Register in advance via Zoom</a></li> <li>• This event is posted on the <a href="#">BHA Rules Stakeholder Events Calendar</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Data Gathering for SUD 1115 Interim Evaluation Report</b></p>	<p>This portion of the call was facilitated by Mercer - HCPF’s 1115 contractor, and their independent evaluator - TriWest, to gather data for the SUD 1115 Interim Evaluation Report.</p> <p>The Interim Evaluation Report assesses how effective the demonstration’s initiatives have been in producing the desired outcomes for beneficiaries with substance use disorder that are also Medicaid beneficiaries.</p> <p>Providers were asked to reflect on the following research questions. If you would like to provide information to Triwest in support of the Interim Evaluation, please contact Tonya at <a href="mailto:taultman-bettridge@trivestgroup.net">taultman-bettridge@trivestgroup.net</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What have been the primary challenges for providers in aligning with and implementing ASAM standards?</li> <li>• How would you characterize your current progress?</li> <li>• Is there sufficient provider capacity at each level of care, including MAT?</li> <li>• Has the demonstration implemented changes that improve care coordination for physical care?</li> <li>• What policies have you implemented to enhance care coordination?</li> <li>• From a provider perspective, are Colorado providers accepting more new Medicaid patients than prior to the Demonstration?</li> <li>• Do you think this has been affected by specific aspects of the Demonstration? If so, what specific pieces of the Demonstration have impacted your acceptance of new Medicaid patients?</li> </ul>
<p><b>Open Floor</b></p>	<p>No questions or comments provided.</p>
<p><b>Reminders</b></p>	<p><b>HCPF hosts monthly SUD Office Hours</b> on the first Wednesday of the month from 2-3pm (when there is no SUD Provider Forum) to answer questions from providers regarding the SUD benefit. There is no structured presentation during Office Hours so please only register if you have a question and list your question on the <a href="#">Zoom registration form</a>.</p> <p><b>Suggestions for Future Discussion Topics?</b> Email: <a href="mailto:hcpf_sudbenefits@state.co.us">hcpf_sudbenefits@state.co.us</a></p>

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