

	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD) Division
	Medicaid Services Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder and Adult Mental Health Date effective: October 1, 2022
Policy Number: 540	Subject: SUD Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential (ASAM 3.5) Adult SUD Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential (ASAM 3.5) Adolescent

Definition

ASAM 3.5 is clinically managed residential treatment programs providing 24-hour structured residential treatment. Members are provided a planned regimen of 24-hour professionally directed SUD treatment. These services are provided to a member diagnosed with a moderate or severe SUD and whose substance related problems are so significant they require 24-hour supported treatment environment. Services focus on stabilizing the member to transition into a less intensive level of care or community setting.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Member must meet the moderate or severe SUD criteria as described in this manual and meet the ASAM criteria for diagnostic and dimensional admission criteria for ASAM 3.5 level of care.

Provider Requirements

- (1) ASAM 3.5 must be provided by a state-approved substance use disorder program licensed to provide this level of care.
- (2) Providers offering ASAM 3.5 must have an interdisciplinary team.

Service Requirements

- (1) Services must be provided in accordance with all state and federal regulations pertaining to the administration of the service.
- (2) The provider must adhere to the ASAM criteria service standards for service planning and level of care placement characteristic category standards. These categories include:
 - (a) therapies;

- (b) support systems;
 - (c) assessment/ITP review;
 - (d) staff; and
 - (e) documentation.
- (3) ASAM 3.5 is a bundled service that includes the availability of the following service components:
- (a) individual SUD therapy;
 - (b) group SUD therapy;
 - (c) family SUD therapy;
 - (e) care management;
 - (f) educational groups; and
 - (d) community based psychiatric rehabilitation support services (CBPRS).
- (4) It is not required that each member receiving the ASAM 3.5 bundle receive every service component listed above. Medically necessary services must be provided and documented in the individualized treatment plan and the services received must be documented clearly in the member's treatment file.
- (5) In order for the provider to bill the bundled service, the member must receive daily clinical services in addition to other daily scheduled treatment services. Clinical services must be provided by licensed or credentialed clinical staff.

Utilization Management

- (1) Prior authorization is required. The department or the UR Contractor may issue the authorization for as many days as deemed medically necessary up to 21 days.
- (2) Continued Stay Review is required for up to five days.
- (3) Member must continue to meet the SUD criteria as described in this manual with a severity specifier of moderate or severe and meet the ASAM criteria diagnostic and dimensional admission criteria for SUD Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential (ASAM 3.5) level of care.