

6.38a. Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment (ASAM Level 1) In the School Setting

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment programs (Provider Type 50s) may be reimbursed by Medicaid for outpatient SUD services provided in the school setting when billed with the place of service (POS) 03 for schools. This includes:

1. SUD assessment (H0001)
2. Level 1 group and individual SUD counseling (H0004, H0005)

Licensed professionals practicing as individual providers as defined in COMAR 10.09.59.04 and appropriately licensed staff under outpatient mental health centers (OMHCs) as defined in COMAR 10.63.03.05 may provide services in the school setting and be reimbursed by Medicaid (through CPT codes) when billed with the POS 03 for schools. Services should be consistent with those provided to individuals in the community and be appropriate to the school setting, such as:

1. Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation (initial assessment)
2. Individual and group therapy (ongoing)

This shall apply to schools with a School-Based Health Center, as well as those in formal partnership with a community-based provider.

SERVICE RULES

Local school system administrative staff (e.g., superintendent, other authorized central office staff) should communicate with individual school administrative staff (e.g., school principal) granting approval for clinicians to perform services in the school setting.

Services delivered in the school setting may not duplicate services delivered by programs or counselors out of the school setting on the same day. Providers should be familiar with the combination of services rules found here: http://maryland.beaconhealthoptions.com/provider/clin_ut/Combination-of-SUD-Services.pdf

If a school opts to participate, they should alert their school staff and teachers through an official memorandum that SUD treatment is now available in their school and should include appropriate information about process and contacts.

The school and clinicians are responsible for identifying a space that ensures confidentiality for identified participants.

Types of services should be consistent with those provided to individuals served in the community and as allowed by scope of practice as identified through professional Boards.

All clinical notes should be maintained in the provider's office using storage standards set forth by the HIPAA and 42 CFR Part 2 - Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records.

PARTICIPANT ELIGIBILITY

Participants are currently enrolled in the school at which SUD services are being provided.

Participants served by a substance use disorder treatment program are eligible as defined in COMAR 10.09.80.04. In order to be reimbursed by Medicaid, the participant must meet required medical necessity criteria and at least one of the SUD diagnoses outlined in COMAR 10.09.70.02.I.

Participants served by individual and OMHC practitioners are eligible as defined in COMAR 10.09.59. For individual practitioners, the participant must be diagnosed with at least one of the SUD diagnoses outlined in COMAR 10.09.70.02.I. For OMHCs, the participant is eligible if they have a primary diagnosis of a SUD (COMAR 10.09.70.02.I) and a secondary diagnosis of mental health (COMAR 10.09.70.02.J).

PROVIDER ELIGIBILITY

Certified or accredited SUD treatment providers are eligible as defined in COMAR 10.09.80.02 and 10.09.80.03.

Appropriately licensed professionals practicing as individual providers and appropriately licensed staff under OMHCs are eligible as defined in COMAR 10.09.59.04 and COMAR 10.63.03.05 respectively.

Providers would ensure that all clinicians assigned to work in the school setting will have completed background checks/fingerprinting.

COMBINATION OF SERVICES

There is a maximum of two services per day per participant. Relevant limitations are listed in COMAR 10.09.80.06.

AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

Authorization requirements may be found in COMAR 10.09.80.07.

CLAIMS REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

Payment procedures may be found in COMAR 10.09.80.08.

Please note: Providers should use POS 03 when billing for services located in the schools.