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LIMITATION ON SERVICES

13.d.5 Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services are provided in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 440.130(d) to restore the beneficiary to their best possible functional level. All SUD treatment services must be recommended by physicians or other licensed practitioners of the healing arts, within the scope of their practice. SUD treatment services are based on medical necessity.

Services that involve the participation of a non-Medicaid eligible are for the direct benefit of the beneficiary. The service must actively involve the beneficiary in the sense of being tailored to the beneficiary's individual needs. There may be times when, based on clinical judgment, the beneficiary is not present during the delivery of the service, but remains the focus of the service. These services are marked with an *. SUD treatment services may address co-occurring mental health conditions as clinically appropriate and within the treating practitioner's scope of practice for beneficiaries who access these services to address their SUDs.

COVERED SUD TREATMENT SERVICES

"Assessment" consists of activities to evaluate or monitor the status of a beneficiary's behavioral health and determine the appropriate level of care and course of treatment for that beneficiary. Assessments shall be conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, and regulations, and standards. Assessment may be initial and periodic and may include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral's participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the beneficiary. Assessment services may include one or more of the following components:

- Collection of information for assessment used in the evaluation and analysis of the cause or nature of the substance use disorder.
- Diagnosis of substance use disorders utilizing the current DSM and assessment of treatment needs for medically necessary treatment services. This may include a physical examination and laboratory

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testing (e.g., body specimen screening) necessary for treatment and evaluation conducted by staff lawfully authorized to provide such services and/or order laboratory testing (laboratory testing is covered under the "Other laboratory and X-ray services" benefit of the California Medicaid State Plan).

 Treatment planning, a service activity that consists of development and updates to documentation needed to plan and address the beneficiary's needs, planned interventions and to address and monitor a beneficiary's progress and restoration of a beneficiary to their best possible functional level.

"Group Counseling" means a contact with multiple beneficiaries at the same time. Group counseling shall focus on the needs of the participants. Group counseling shall be provided to a group that includes at least 2 and no more than 12 participants.

"Individual Counseling" means a contact with a beneficiary. Individual counseling also includes a contact between a beneficiary, substance use disorder treatment professional, and one or more collaterals if the purpose of the collateral's participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the beneficiary by supporting the achievement of the beneficiary's treatment goals. Individual counseling also includes preparing the beneficiary to live in the community and providing linkages to treatment and services available in the community.

"Medical Psychotherapy" means a type of counseling service to treat SUDs other than Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) conducted by the medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program on a one-to-one basis with the beneficiary.

"Medication Services" means the prescription or administration of medication related to substance use disorder services, or the assessment of the side effects or results of the medication. Medication Services may include prescription or administration of medication related to mental health services for members with a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health condition. Medication Services does not include MAT to treat Opioid Use Disorders as defined below.

"Medications for Addiction Treatment (also known as medication assisted treatment (MAT)) for Opioid Use Disorders (OUD)" includes all medications approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) to treat opioid use disorders as authorized by the Social Security Act Section

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1905(a)(29) and described in Supplement to Attachment 3.1-A. "Patient Education" is education for the beneficiary on addiction, treatment, recovery and associated health risks.

"*Peer Support Services" are culturally competent individual and group services that promote recovery, resiliency, engagement, socialization, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and identification of strengths through structured activities such as group and individual coaching to set recovery goals and identify steps to reach the goals. Services aim to prevent relapse, empower beneficiaries through strength- based coaching, support linkages to community resources, and to educate beneficiaries and their families about their conditions and the process of recovery. Peer support services may be provided with the beneficiary or significant support person(s) and may be provided in a clinical or non-clinical setting. Peer support services can include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral's participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the beneficiary by supporting the achievement of the beneficiary's treatment goals.

Peer support services are based on an approved plan of care and can be delivered as a standalone service. Peer support services include the following service components:

- Educational Skill Building Groups means providing a supportive environment in which beneficiaries and their families learn coping mechanisms and problem- solving skills in order to help the beneficiaries achieve desired outcomes. These groups promote skill building for the beneficiaries in the areas of socialization, recovery, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of skills learned in other support services.
- Engagement means Peer Support Specialist led activities and coaching to encourage and support beneficiaries to participate in behavioral health treatment. Engagement may include supporting beneficiaries in their transitions between levels of care and supporting beneficiaries in developing their own recovery goals and processes.
- Therapeutic Activity means a structured non-clinical activity provided by a Peer Support Specialist to promote recovery, wellness, selfadvocacy, relationship enhancement, development of natural supports, self-awareness and values, and the maintenance of community living skills to support the beneficiary's treatment to attain and maintain recovery within their communities. These activities may include, but are not limited to, advocacy on behalf of the beneficiary; promotion of self-advocacy; resource navigation; and collaboration with the beneficiaries and others providing care or support to the beneficiary,

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family members, or significant support persons.

*Peer Support Services will be implemented and have an effective date of July 1, 2022.

"SUD Crisis Intervention Services" consists of contacts with a beneficiary in crisis. A crisis means an actual relapse or an unforeseen event or circumstance which presents to the beneficiary an imminent threat of relapse. SUD Crisis Intervention Services shall focus on alleviating the crisis problem, be limited to the stabilization of the beneficiary's immediate situation, and be provided in the least intensive level of care that is medically necessary to treat their condition.

PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS

Provider Entities

SUD Treatment Services are provided by DMC certified providers. DMC certified providers providing SUD Treatment Services must: 1) be licensed, registered, enrolled, and/or approved in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations; 2) abide by the definitions, rules, and requirements for stabilization and rehabilitation services established by the Department of Health Care Services; and 3) sign a provider agreement with a county or the Department of Health Care Services.

| SUD Treatment Services | Practitioner Qualifications |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assessment* | C, CT, L*, MA, OP |
| Counseling (Individual and Group) | C, CT, L |
| Medical Psychotherapy | M |
| Medication Services | CT, L, MA |
| Patient Education | C, CT, L, MA, OP |
| Peer Support Services | Р |
| SUD Crisis Intervention | C, CT, L |

C = Counselors

An Alcohol or other drug (AOD) counselor that is either certified or registered by an organization that is recognized by the Department of Health Care Services and accredited with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

CT = Clinical Trainee

A clinical trainee is an unlicensed individual who is enrolled in a postsecondary educational program that is required for the individual to obtain licensure as a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts; is participating in

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a practicum, clerkship, or internship approved by the individual's program; and meets all relevant requirements of the program and/or the applicable licensing board to participate in the practicum, clerkship or internship and provide substance use disorder treatment services, including, but not limited to, all coursework and supervised practice requirements.

L = Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts

A Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) include any of the following: Physician, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant (PA), Registered Nurse, Registered Pharmacist, Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LCP), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Registered** CSW, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), Registered** PCC, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist(LMFT), Registered** MFT, Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Licensed Occupational Therapist (LOT)***, and Licensed Psychiatric Technician (LPT).

M = Medical Director of a Narcotic Treatment Program

The medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program is a licensed physician in the State of California.

MA = Medical Assistant

A medical assistant is an individual who is at least 18 years of age, meets all applicable education, training and/or certification requirements and provides administrative, clerical, and technical supportive services, according to their scope of practice, under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon, or to the extent authorized under state law, a nurse practitioner or physician assistant that has been delegated supervisory authority by a physician and surgeon. The licensed physician and surgeon, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must be physically present in the treatment facility (medical office or clinic setting) during the provision of services by a medical assistant.

OP = Other Qualified Provider

An individual at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent degree plus two years of related paid or non-paid experience (including experience as a service recipient or caregiver of a service recipient), or related secondary education.

P = Peer Support Specialist

A Peer Support Specialist is an individual with a current State-approved Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program certification and must meet ongoing education requirements. Peer Support Specialists provide services under the direction of a Behavioral Health Professional.

Notes

* The physical examination shall be conducted by an LPHA in accordance with their scope of practice and licensure. An SUD diagnosis may only be

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made by an LPHA.

** For a social worker candidate, a marriage and family therapist candidate, or a professional clinical counselor candidate, "registered" means a candidate for licensure who is registered, or has submitted a registration application and is in the process of obtaining registration in accordance with the criteria established by the corresponding state licensing authority for the purpose of acquiring the experience required for licensure, in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

*** Licensed occupational therapists meet the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of 42 CFR 440.110.

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT LEVELS OF CARE

1. Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services are provided to beneficiaries when medically necessary in a structured programming environment.

Intensive Outpatient Treatment includes the following service components:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Individual Counseling (as defined above)
- Group Counseling (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-A)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)
- 2. Narcotic Treatment Program is an outpatient program that provides FDA-drugs approved to treat SUDs when ordered by a physician as medically necessary. NTPs are required to offer and prescribe medications including methadone, buprenorphine, naloxone and disulfiram. NTPs shall offer adequate counseling services to each beneficiary as clinically necessary.

The components of the Narcotic Treatment Program are:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Individual Counseling (as defined above)
- Group Counseling (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Medical Psychotherapy (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)

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3. Outpatient Treatment Services (also known as Outpatient Drug Free or ODF) are provided to beneficiaries as medically necessary.

Outpatient Services include the following components:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Individual Counseling (as defined above)
- Group Counseling (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)
- 4. Perinatal Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment is a non-institutional, non- medical, residential program which provides rehabilitation services to pregnant and postpartum women with a substance use disorder diagnosis. Each beneficiary shall live on the premises and shall be supported in their efforts to restore and apply interpersonal and independent living skills and access community support systems. Perinatal Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment programs shall provide a range of activities and services for pregnant and postpartum beneficiaries. Supervision shall be available day and night, seven days a week. Medically necessary rehabilitative services are provided in accordance with individualized beneficiary needs. The cost of room and board is not reimbursable under the Medi-Cal program. Facilities shall store and safeguard all residents' medications, and facility staff members may assist with resident's self-administration of medication.

The components of Perinatal Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment are:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Individual Counseling (as defined above)
- Group Counseling (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)

Assurances

The State assures that all medically necessary services coverable under 1905(a) of the Social Security Act are provided to Medicaid eligible individuals under age 21 in accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, described in Social Security Act sections 1902(a)(43), 1905(a)(4)(B) and 1905(r). The State assures that substance use disorder treatment services shall be

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available to children and youth, as necessary to correct or ameliorate a substance use disorder or condition, as required under the provisions of Social Security Act section 1905(r)(5), regardless of their county of residence.

The State assures that the Single State Agency shall not delegate to any other State Agency the authority and responsibilities described in 42 CFR section 431.10(e).

The State assures that all Medicaid program requirements regarding free choice of providers as defined in 42 CFR 431.51 shall be adhered to.

The State assures that Perinatal Residential Substance Use Disorder Services are not provided in facilities that are Institutions for Mental Diseases.

The State assures that all services involving family members or other collateral contacts are for the direct benefit of the beneficiary.

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13.d.6 Expanded Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services

Expanded Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment services are provided in accordance with the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 440.130(d) to restore the beneficiary to their best possible functional level. All expanded SUD treatment services must be recommended by physicians or other licensed practitioners of the healing arts, within the scope of their practice. Expanded SUD treatment services are provided by Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) certified providers and are based on medical necessity. Expanded SUD treatment services may address co-occurring mental health conditions as clinically appropriate and within the treating practitioner's scope of practice for beneficiaries who access these services to address their SUDs.

COVERED EXPANDED SUD TREATMENT SERVICES

"Assessment" consists of activities to evaluate or monitor the status of a beneficiary's behavioral health and determine the appropriate level of care and course of treatment for that beneficiary. Assessments shall be conducted in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, and regulations, and standards. Assessment may be initial and periodic, and may include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral's participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the beneficiary. Assessment services may include one or more of the following components:

- Collection of information for assessment used in the evaluation and analysis of the cause or nature of the substance use disorder.
- Diagnosis of substance use disorders utilizing the current DSM and assessment of treatment needs for medically necessary treatment services. This may include a physical examination and laboratory testing (e.g., body specimen screening) necessary for treatment and evaluation conducted by staff lawfully authorized to provide such services and/or order laboratory testing (laboratory testing is covered under the "Other laboratory and X-ray services" benefit of the California Medicaid State Plan).
- Treatment planning, a service activity that consists of development and updates to documentation needed to plan and address the beneficiary's needs, planned interventions and to address and monitor a beneficiary's progress and restoration of a beneficiary to their best

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possible functional level.

"Care Coordination" consists of activities to provide coordination of SUD care, mental health care, and primary care, and to support the beneficiary with linkages to services and supports designed to restore the beneficiary to their best possible functional level. Care Coordination can be provided in clinical or non-clinical settings and includes one or more of the following components:

- Coordinating with medical and mental health care providers to monitor and support comorbid health conditions.
- Discharge planning, including coordinating with SUD treatment providers to support transitions between levels of care and to recovery resources, referrals to mental health providers, and referrals to primary or specialty medical providers.
- Coordinating with ancillary services, including individualized connection, referral, and linkages to community-based services and supports.

"Family Therapy" is a rehabilitative service that includes family members in the treatment process, providing education about factors that are important to the beneficiary's recovery as well as the holistic recovery of the family system. Family members can provide social support to the beneficiary and help motivate their loved one to remain in treatment. There may be times when, based on clinical judgment, the beneficiary is not present during the delivery of this service, but the service is for the direct benefit of the beneficiary.

"Group Counseling" consists of contacts with multiple beneficiaries at the same time. Group Counseling shall focus on the needs of the participants.

"Individual Counseling" consists of contacts with a beneficiary. Individual counseling can include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral's participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the beneficiary by supporting the achievement of the beneficiary's treatment goals.

"Medical Psychotherapy" is a counseling service to treat SUDs other than OUD conducted by the medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program on a one-to-one basis with the beneficiary.

"Medication Services" includes prescription or administration of medication related to substance use disorder services, or the assessment of the side effects or results of the medication. Medication Services may include prescription or administration of medication related to mental health services for members with a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health condition. Medication Services does not include MAT

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for Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) or MAT for Alcohol Use Disorders (AUD) and Other Non-Opioid Substance Use Disorders as defined below.

"Medications for Addiction Treatment (also known as medication assisted treatment (MAT)) for Opioid Use Disorders (OUD)" includes all medications approved under section 505 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355) and all biological products licensed under section 351 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 262) to treat opioid use disorders as authorized by the Social Security Act Section 1905(a)(29) and described in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B.

"Medications for Addiction Treatment (also known as medication assisted treatment (MAT)) for Alcohol Use Disorders (AUD) and Other Non-Opioid Substance Use Disorders" includes all FDA-approved drugs and services to treat AUD and other non-opioid SUDs. MAT for AUD and non-opioid SUDs may be provided in clinical or non-clinical settings and can be delivered as a standalone service or as a service delivered as part of a level of care listed below in the "Levels of Care" section. This service includes:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Counseling (individual and group counseling as defined above)
- Family Therapy (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined below)
- Recovery Services (as defined below)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined below)
- Withdrawal Management Services (as defined below)
- Prescribing and monitoring of MAT for AUD and Other Non-Opioid Substance Use Disorders, which consists of prescribing, administering, dispensing, ordering, monitoring, and/or managing the medications used for MAT services for AUD and Other Non-Opioid Substance Use Disorders

"Patient Education" is education for the beneficiary on addiction, treatment, recovery and associated health risks.

"Peer Support Services" are culturally competent individual and group services that promote recovery, resiliency, engagement, socialization, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and identification of strengths through structured activities such as group and individual coaching to set recovery goals and identify steps to reach the goals. Services aim to prevent relapse, empower beneficiaries through strength-based coaching, support linkages to community resources, and to educate beneficiaries and their families about their conditions and the process of recovery. Peer support services may be provided with the

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beneficiary or significant support person(s) and may be provided in a clinical or non-clinical setting. Peer support services can include contact with family members or other collaterals if the purpose of the collateral's participation is to focus on the treatment needs of the beneficiary by supporting the achievement of the beneficiary's treatment goals.

Peer support services are based on an approved plan of care and can be delivered as a standalone service. Peer support services include the following service components:

- Educational Skill Building Groups means providing a supportive environment in which beneficiaries and their families learn coping mechanisms and problem-solving skills in order to help the beneficiaries achieve desired outcomes. These groups promote skill building for the beneficiaries in the areas of socialization, recovery, self-sufficiency, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of skills learned in other support services.
- Engagement means Peer Support Specialist led activities and coaching to encourage and support beneficiaries to participate in behavioral health treatment. Engagement may include supporting beneficiaries in their transitions between levels of care and supporting beneficiaries in developing their own recovery goals and processes.
- Therapeutic Activity means a structured non-clinical activity provided by a Peer Support Specialist to promote recovery, wellness, selfadvocacy, relationship enhancement, development of natural supports, self-awareness and values, and the maintenance of community living skills to support the beneficiary's treatment to attain and maintain recovery within their communities. These activities may include, but are not limited to, advocacy on behalf of the beneficiary; promotion of self- advocacy; resource navigation; and collaboration with the beneficiaries and others providing care or support to the beneficiary, family members, or significant support persons.

*Peer Support Services will be implemented and have an effective date of July 1, 2022.

"Recovery Services" are designed to support recovery and prevent relapse with the objective of restoring the beneficiary to their best possible functional level. Recovery Services emphasize the beneficiary's central role in managing their health, use effective self-management support strategies, and organize internal and community resources to provide ongoing self-management support to beneficiaries. Beneficiaries may receive Recovery Services based on self-assessment or provider assessment of relapse risk. Beneficiaries do not need to be diagnosed as being in remission to access Recovery Services.

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Beneficiaries may receive Recovery Services while receiving MAT services, including NTP services. Beneficiaries may receive Recovery Services immediately after incarceration with a prior diagnosis of SUD. Recovery Services can be delivered as a standalone service, or as a service delivered as part of the levels of care listed below. Recovery Services include the following service components:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Counseling (individual and group counseling as defined above)
- Family Therapy (as defined above)
- Recovery Monitoring, which includes recovery coaching and monitoring designed for the maximum reduction of the beneficiary's SUD.
- Relapse Prevention, which includes interventions designed to teach beneficiaries with SUD how to anticipate and cope with the potential for relapse for the maximum reduction of the beneficiary's SUD.

"SUD Crisis Intervention Services" consists of contacts with a beneficiary in crisis. A crisis means an actual relapse or an unforeseen event or circumstance which presents to the beneficiary an imminent threat of relapse. SUD Crisis Intervention Services shall focus on alleviating the crisis problem, be limited to the stabilization of the beneficiary's immediate situation, and be provided in the least intensive level of care that is medically necessary to treat their condition.

"Withdrawal Management Services" are provided to beneficiaries when medically necessary for maximum reduction of the SUD symptoms and restoration of the beneficiary to their best possible functional level. Withdrawal Management Services include the following service components:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined above)
- MAT for AUD and non-opioid SUDs (as defined above)
- Peer Support Services (as defined above)
- Observation, which is the process of monitoring the beneficiary's course of withdrawal. Observation is conducted at the frequency required by applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and standards. This may include but is not limited to observation of the beneficiary's health status.

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PROVIDER QUALIFICATIONS

Provider Entities

Expanded SUD Treatment Services are provided by DMC certified providers. DMC certified providers providing Expanded SUD Treatment Services must: 1) be licensed, registered, enrolled, and/or approved in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations; 2) abide by the definitions, rules, and requirements for stabilization and rehabilitation services established by the Department of Health Care Services; and 3) sign a provider agreement with a county.

Practitioner Qualifications

| Expanded SUD Treatment Services | Practitioner Qualifications |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Assessment* | C, CT, L*, MA, OP |
| Care Coordination** | C, CT, L, MA, OP |
| Crisis Intervention | C, CT, L |
| Family Therapy | CT, L |
| Counseling (Individual and Group) | C, CT, L |
| Medical Psychotherapy | M |
| Medication Services | CT, L, MA |
| Patient Education | C, CT, L, MA, OP |
| Peer Support Services | P |
| Observation | C, CT, L, MA, OP |
| Recovery Services | C, CT, L, MA, OP |
| Prescribing and Monitoring of MAT for | CT, L***, MA |
| AUD and Other Non-Opioid Substance | |
| Use Disorders | |

C = Counselors

An Alcohol or other drug (AOD) counselor that is either certified or registered by an organization that is recognized by the Department of Health Care Services and accredited with the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

CT = Clinical Trainee

A clinical trainee is an unlicensed individual who is enrolled in a postsecondary educational program that is required for the individual to obtain licensure as a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts; is participating in a practicum, clerkship, or internship approved by the individual's program; and meets all relevant requirements of the program and/or applicable licensing board to participate in the practicum, clerkship, or internship and

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provide substance use disorder treatment services, including, but not limited to, all coursework and supervised practice requirements.

L = Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts

A Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) include any of the following: Physician, Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant (PA), Registered Nurse, Registered Pharmacist, Licensed Clinical Psychologist (LCP), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Registered**** CSW, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), Registered**** LPCC, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Registered**** MFT, Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Licensed Occupational Therapist (LOT)*****, and Licensed Psychiatric Technician (LPT).

M = Medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program

The medical director of a Narcotic Treatment Program is a licensed physician in the State of California.

MA = Medical Assistant

A medical assistant is an individual who is at least 18 years of age, meets all applicable education, training and/or certification requirements and provides administrative, clerical, and technical supportive services, according to their scope of practice, under the supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon, or to the extent authorized under state law, a nurse practitioner or physician assistant that has been delegated supervisory authority by a physician and surgeon. The licensed physician and surgeon, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must be physically present in the treatment facility (medical office or clinic setting) during the provision of services by a medical assistant.

OP = Other Qualified Provider

An individual at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent degree plus two years of related paid or non-paid experience (including experience as a service recipient or caregiver of a service recipient), or related secondary education.

P = Peer Support Specialist

A Peer Support Specialist is an individual with a current State-approved Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program certification and must meet ongoing education requirements. Peer Support Specialists provide services under the direction of a Behavioral Health Professional.

Notes

*The physical examination shall be conducted by an LPHA in accordance within their scope of practice and licensure. An SUD diagnosis may only be made by an LPHA.

** Registered or certified counselors and other qualified providers may

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assist with some aspects of this service, however, a licensed provider is responsible for supervising this service component.

All personnel performing observations must complete training in withdrawal management.

***May be provided by an LPHA within their scope of practice.

***** For a social worker candidate, a marriage and family therapist candidate, or a professional clinical counselor candidate, "registered" means a candidate for licensure who is registered, or has submitted a registration application and is in the process of obtaining registration in accordance with the criteria established by the corresponding state licensing authority for the purpose of acquiring the experience required for licensure, in accordance with applicable statutes and regulations.

*****Licensed occupational therapists meet the requirements of paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of 42 CFR 440.110.

EXPANDED SUD TREATMENT LEVELS OF CARE

 Outpatient Treatment Services (also known as Outpatient Drug Free or ODF services) (ASAM Level 1) are provided to beneficiaries when medically necessary.

Outpatient Services include the following service components:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Counseling (individual and group as defined above)
- Family Therapy (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- MAT for AUD and other non-opioid SUDs (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Recovery Services (as defined above)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)
- 2. Intensive Outpatient Treatment Services (ASAM Level 2.1) are provided to beneficiaries when medically necessary in a structured programming environment.

Intensive Outpatient Services include the following services:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Counseling (individual and group as defined above)
- Family Therapy (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- MAT for AUD and other non-opioid substance use disorders (as

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- defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Recovery Services (as defined above)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)
- Partial Hospitalization Services (ASAM Level 2.5) are delivered to beneficiaries when medically necessary in a clinically intensive programming environment.

Partial Hospitalization Services include the following services:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Counseling (individual and group as defined above)
- Family Therapy (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- MAT for AUD and other non-opioid SUDs (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Recovery Services (as defined above)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)
- 4. Residential Treatment Services are delivered to beneficiaries when medically necessary in a, short-term treatment program corresponding to at least one of the following levels:
 - Level 3.1 Clinically Managed Low-Intensity residential Services
 - Level 3.3 Clinically Managed Population-Specific High Intensity Residential Services
 - Level 3.5 Clinically Managed High Intensity Residential Services
 - Level 3.7 Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Services
 - Level 4.0 Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Services

Residential Treatment Services include the following services:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Counseling (individual and group as defined above)
- Family Therapy (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- MAT for AUD and other non-opioid SUDs (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Recovery Services (as defined above)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)
- 5. Narcotic Treatment Program is an outpatient program that provides FDA-drugs approved to treat SUDs when ordered by a physician as medically necessary. NTPs are required to offer and prescribe medications to patients covered under the DMC-ODS formulary including methadone,

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buprenorphine, naloxone and disulfiram. NTPs shall offer adequate counseling services to each beneficiary as clinically necessary.

Narcotic Treatment Program Services include the following services:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Counseling (individual and group as defined above)
- Family Therapy (as defined above)
- Medical Psychotherapy (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- MAT for AUD and other non-opioid substance use disorders (as defined above)
- Patient Education (as defined above)
- Recovery Services (as defined above)
- SUD Crisis Intervention Services (as defined above)
- 6. Withdrawal Management Services are provided to beneficiaries experiencing withdrawal in the following outpatient and residential settings:
 - Level 1-WM: Ambulatory withdrawal management without extended on-site monitoring (Mild withdrawal with daily or less than daily outpatient supervision)
 - Level 2-WM: Ambulatory withdrawal management with extended onsite monitoring (Moderate withdrawal with daytime withdrawal management and support and supervision in a non-residential setting)
 - Level 3.2-WM: Clinically managed residential withdrawal management (24-hour support for moderate withdrawal symptoms that are not manageable in outpatient setting)
 - Level 3.7-WM: Medically Managed Inpatient Withdrawal Management (24-hour care for severe withdrawal symptoms requiring 24-hour nursing care and physician visits)
 - Level 4-WM: Medically managed intensive inpatient withdrawal management (Severe, unstable withdrawal requiring 24-hour nursing care and daily physician visits to modify withdrawal management regimen and manage medical instability)

Withdrawal Management Services include the following service components:

- Assessment (as defined above)
- Care Coordination (as defined above)
- Medication Services (as defined above)
- MAT for OUD (as defined in Supplement 7 to Attachment 3.1-B)
- MAT for AUD and other non-opioid SUDs (as defined above)
- Observation (as defined above)
- Recovery Services (as defined above)

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Assurances

The State assures that all medically necessary services coverable under 1905(a) of the Social Security Act are provided to Medicaid eligible individuals under age 21 in accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit, described in Social Security Act sections 1902(a)(43), 1905(a)(4)(B) and 1905(r). The State assures that substance use disorder treatment services shall be available to children and youth, as necessary to correct or ameliorate a substance use disorder or condition, as required under the provisions of Social Security Act section 1905(r)(5), regardless of their county of residence.

The State assures that the Single State Agency shall not delegate to any other State Agency the authority and responsibilities described in 42 CFR section 431.10(e).

Expanded SUD treatment services are provided subject to the terms of the State's approved Section 1915(b) Waiver Proposal for California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) or subsequent waiver program, including any approved waiver of statewideness, comparability and/or freedom-of-choice that enables the State to limit Expanded SUD treatment services to the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System to counties that contract with the State to provide expanded SUD treatment services, except in the case of individuals under age 21 in accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) benefit and the requirements of the provisions of Social Security Act sections cited above, including 1905(r)(5).

The State assures that all Medicaid program requirements that have not been waived in the Section 1915(b) Waiver Proposal for CalAIM or subsequent waiver program shall be adhered to, including all EPSDT Medicaid requirements.

The state assures that Residential Treatment Services are not covered when provided in facilities that are Institutions for Mental Diseases unless expressly authorized under the State's approved Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver or as otherwise consistent with federal law.

The state assures that all services involving family members or other collateral contacts are for the direct benefit of the beneficiary.

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AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE MEDICALLY NEEDY

LIMITATION ON SERVICES

13.d.7 Community-Based Mobile Crisis Intervention Services

Community-based mobile crisis intervention services are covered as a Rehabilitative Mental Health Service, Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment Service, and Expanded SUD Treatment Service.

Community-based mobile crisis intervention services ("mobile crisis services") provide rapid response, individual assessment and communitybased stabilization to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are experiencing a mental health and/or SUD ("behavioral health") crisis. Mobile crisis services are designed to provide relief to beneficiaries experiencing a behavioral health crisis, including through de-escalation and stabilization techniques; reduce the immediate risk of danger and subsequent harm; and avoid unnecessary emergency department care, psychiatric inpatient hospitalizations, and law enforcement involvement. Mobile crisis services include warm handoffs to appropriate settings and providers when the beneficiary requires additional stabilization and/or treatment services; coordination with and referrals to appropriate health, social and other services and supports, as needed, and short-term follow-up support to help ensure the crisis is resolved and the beneficiary is connected to ongoing care. Mobile crisis services are directed toward the beneficiary in crisis, but may include contact with a family member(s) or other significant support collateral(s) if the purpose of the collateral's participation is to assist the beneficiary in addressing their behavioral health crisis and restoring the beneficiary to the highest possible functional level.

Mobile crisis services are provided by a multidisciplinary mobile crisis team at the location where the individual is experiencing the behavioral health crisis. Locations may include, but are not limited to, the individual's home, school or workplace, on the street, or where an individual socializes. Mobile crisis services cannot be provided in hospitals or other facility settings. Mobile crisis services must be available to beneficiaries experiencing behavioral health crises 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

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Service Components

Mobile crisis teams must be able to perform all mobile crisis service components. Service components include:

- Crisis assessment to evaluate the current status and environment of the beneficiary experiencing the behavioral health crisis with the goal of mitigating any immediate risk of danger, determining a short-term strategy for restoring stability, and identifying appropriate follow-up care
- Mobile crisis response consisting of an expedited on-site intervention
 with a beneficiary experiencing a behavioral health crisis with the goal
 of stabilizing the individual within a community setting and deescalating the crisis.
- Crisis planning to develop a plan to avert future crises, including
 identifying conditions and factors that contribute to a crisis, reviewing
 alternative ways of responding to such conditions and factors, and
 identifying steps that the beneficiary can take to avert or address a
 crisis
- Facilitation of a warm handoff if the beneficiary requires urgent treatment in an alternative setting. The mobile crisis team must identify an appropriate facility or provider, and provide or arrange for transportation, as needed.
- Referrals to ongoing supports by identifying and connecting a
 beneficiary to ongoing behavioral health treatment, community-based
 supports, social services, and/or other supports that could mitigate the
 risk of future crises. This may include identifying appropriate services,
 making referrals or appointments, and otherwise assisting a
 beneficiary to secure ongoing support.
- Follow up check-ins to continue resolution of the crisis, provide further crisis planning, check on the status of referrals, and provide further referrals to ongoing supports.

Mobile Crisis Team Requirements and Provider Qualifications

Mobile crisis services are provided by a multidisciplinary Mobile Crisis Team. All members of the Mobile Crisis Team must meet the State's training requirements. Mobile crisis teams must include at least two behavioral health professionals as listed in Table 1 below, including at least one provider who is qualified to provide a crisis assessment, in accordance with their permitted scope of practice under California law. Any team member included in Table 1 below that has been trained to conduct a crisis assessment in accordance with the Department of Health Care Services' training requirements may provide the crisis assessment.

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Table 1. Qualified Mobile Crisis Team Members by Delivery System

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|--|---|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Rehabilitative | SUD Treatment | Expanded SUD | Other Provider | | | |
| Mental Health | Providers** | Treatment | Types*** | | | |
| Treatment | | Providers** | | | | |
| Providers* | Linamand | LDUA | Community: | | | |
| Physician Payabalagiet | Licensed Practitioner of | LPHA AOD Counceler | Community Health Workers | | | |
| Psychologist Weivered | | AOD Counselor Door Support | | | | |
| Waivered Developed right | the Healing Arts | Peer Support Specialist | as defined in the | | | |
| Psychologist | (LPHA) | Specialist | Community | | | |
| Licensed Clinical Capital | AOD Counselor Door Counselor | Clinical Trainee | Health Worker | | | |
| Clinical Social | Peer Support | Medical A = i = t = rt | Services | | | |
| Worker | Specialist | Assistant | preventive | | | |
| Waivered/Regist | Clinical Trainee | Other Qualified | services benefit. | | | |
| ered Clinical | Medical | Provider | Emergency | | | |
| Social Worker | Assistant | | Medical | | | |
| • Licensed | Other Qualified | | Technicians. | | | |
| Professional | Provider | | Emergency | | | |
| Clinical | | | Medical | | | |
| Counselor | | | Technicians | | | |
| Waivered/Regist | | | must be certified | | | |
| ered | | | in accordable | | | |
| Professional | | | with applicable | | | |
| Clinical | / | | State of | | | |
| Counselor | | | California | | | |
| Marriage and | | | certification | | | |
| Family | | | requirements. | | | |
| Therapist | | | Advanced | | | |
| Waivered/Regist | | | Emergency | | | |
| ered Marriage | | | Medical | | | |
| and Family | | | Technicians. | | | |
| Therapist | | | Advanced | | | |
| Registered | | | Emergency | | | |
| Nurse | | | Medical | | | |
| Certified Nurse | | | Technicians | | | |
| Specialist | | | must be certified | | | |
| Licensed | | | in accordable | | | |
| Vocational | | | with applicable | | | |
| Nurse | | | State of | | | |
| Psychiatric | | | California | | | |
| Technician | | | certification | | | |
| Mental Health | | | requirements. | | | |
| Rehabilitation | | | Paramedics. | | | |
| Specialist | | | Paramedics | | | |

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| Rehabilitative Mental Health Treatment Providers* | SUD Treatment Providers** | Expanded SUD Treatment Providers** | Other Provider Types*** |
|--|------------------------------|--|--|
| Physician Assistant Nurse Practitioner Pharmacist Occupational Therapist Other Qualified Provider Peer Support Specialist Clinical Trainee Medical Assistant AOD Counselor | | | must be licensed in accordance with applicable State of California licensure requirements. • Community Paramedics. Community paramedics must be licensed, certified, and accredited in accordance with applicable State of California licensure requirements. |

*Defined in the "Provider Qualifications" subsection of the "Rehabilitative Mental Health Services" section of this supplement. Rehabilitative Mental Health Treatment services are provided by certified mental health organizations or agencies and by mental health professionals who are credentialed according to state requirements or non-licensed providers who agree to abide by the definitions, rules, and requirements for Rehabilitative Mental Health Services established by the Department of Health Care Services, to the extent authorized under state law.

**Defined in the "Provider Qualifications" subsection of the "SUD Treatment" and "Expanded SUD Treatment" sections of this supplement. SUD and Expanded SUD Treatment services are provided by DMC certified providers that: 1) are licensed, registered, enrolled, and/or approved in accordance with all applicable state and federal laws and regulations; 2) abide by the definitions, rules, and requirements for stabilization and rehabilitation services established by the Department of Health Care Services; and 3) sign a provider agreement with a county or the Department of Health Care Services.

***Other Provider Types are eligible to participate on mobile crisis teams delivering Rehabilitative Mental Health Treatment, SUD Treatment, or Expanded SUD Treatment

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services as defined above.

Limitations

In accordance with Section 1947(b)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (Title 42 of the United States Code section 1396w- 6(b)(1)(A)), added by Section 9813 of the American Rescue Plan Act, and applicable CMS guidance, mobile crisis services cannot be provided to beneficiaries in a hospital or other facility setting.