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SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION TO ADVANCE RECOVERY AND TREATMENT

Los Angeles County’s Substance Use Disorder Organized Delivery System

FINANCE AND RATES
FY 2019-2020 UPDATE

July 30, 2019

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)
POPULATION MODIFIERS:

• The **youth modifier** has been revised and will only apply when serving youth 12 through 17 years of age, and meeting the referenced criteria, at this time. SAPC will explore development of services/criteria requirements individuals 18 through 20 at a later date.

• The **pregnant and parenting women modifier** is unchanged.
Staff Modifiers for ASAM 3.1, 3.3, 3.5

- Submit the *Staff Modifier Attestation Form* for each site address and corresponding level(s) of care to SAPCMonitoring@ph.lacounty.gov with copy to your assigned Contract Program Auditor by August 15, 2019.

- Form to be distributed soon.
STAFF MODIFIERS – RESIDENTIAL

LICENSED PRACTITIONER - ASAM 3.1/3.5

• **Original**: “Eligible position(s) on-site at least **10 hours** per week for supervision and/or the delivery of direct services per **15-beds**”

• **Revised**: “Eligible position(s) on-site at least **45-minutes** per week for supervision and/or the delivery of direct services per licensed bed.”
STAFF MODIFIERS – RESIDENTIAL

LICENSED PRACTITIONER - ASAM 3.3

- **Original**: “Eligible position(s) on-site at least 15 hours per week for supervision and/or the delivery of direct services per 15-beds”

- **Revised**: “Eligible position(s) on-site a least 75-minutes per week for supervision and/or the delivery of direct services per licensed bed.”
STAFF MODIFIERS – RESIDENTIAL

LICENSED-ELIGIBLE PRACTITIONER - ASAM 3.1/3.5

• **Original**: “Eligible position(s) on-site for the delivery of a total of at least 45-minutes of individual, family or group counseling services 3-days per week per 15-beds.”

• **Revised**: “Eligible position(s) on-site for the delivery of a total of at least 10-minutes of individual, family or group counseling services per licensed bed.”
STAFF MODIFIERS – RESIDENTIAL

LICENSED-ELIGIBLE PRACTITIONER - ASAM 3.3

- **Original**: “Eligible position(s) on-site for the delivery of a total of at least 90-minutes of individual, family or group counseling services 3-days per week per 15-beds.”

- **Revised**: “Eligible position(s) on-site for the delivery of a total of at least 20-minutes of individual, family or group counseling services per licensed bed.”
STAFF MODIFIERS – RESIDENTIAL 3.1, 3.3, 3.5:

CERTIFIED COUNSELOR

- **Original**: “50% of counselors delivering direct services on-site are certified.”

- **Revised**: “40% of counselors delivering direct services on-site are certified and 50% by July 1, 2020.”
Residential Providers (3.1 – 3.3 – 3.5)

Residents, we want to hear from you on the staffing criteria highlighted in blue before we finalize the requirement! The goal is for the modifier to encourage providers to sustain or motivate movement to the outlined structure.

1. Are the expectations reasonable, if no why not?
2. What modifier can you do now?
3. What modifier will you work towards this year, if any?

Email Michelle today with your feedback:

migibson@ph.lacounty.gov
• **Group Counseling and Patient Education:**
  – *Interim solution* pending Sage configuration is to continue with current group formula.
  – Add the start and end timed to the Progress Note or Miscellaneous Note.

• **Individual-Based Services:**
  – *Interim solution* pending Sage configuration is to add up to 10 minutes to the service duration.
  – Add the start and end time to the Progress Note or Miscellaneous Note.
• SAPC automatically reimburses a flat rate of $19.03 per person per day for Network Providers who document service delivery at the **service**- or **daily**-level, **IF**:

  – Network Provider submits and follows an **agency-wide** Policy and Procedure reflecting this standard.

  – Submit to [SAPC Monitoring](mailto:SAPCMonitoring@ph.lacounty.gov) ASAP.

• Weekly documentation does not receive the bonus.

• SAPC will phase-out weekly notes beginning on July 1, 2020.

• Add start/end time of documentation to Progress or Miscellaneous Notes
Alcohol and Drug Testing

- The ability to get claim for alcohol/drug testing was an error and will be corrected in the revised bulletin and matrix to be distributed shortly. Providers should still be documenting alcohol/drug testing in the electronic health record/Sage and reporting as $0.00 billing within the claims system. This helps SAPC document what occurs within treatment programs, and is considered when we update annual rates.
TRAVEL TIME: FIELD-BASED SERVICES (FBS)

• Travel time for Outpatient (ASAM 1.0, 1.0-AR) or Intensive Outpatient (ASAM 2.1) treatment services is on hold until Sage configuration.

• Travel time will not be paid retroactively.
If you need technical assistance to help you determine if your agency should seek the documentation, population, or staffing modifiers please contact CIBHS at (916) 767-7053 for free training!