



Substance Use Disorder Information System

## Sage Access Group Descriptions

Sage is LA County’s substance use disorder (SUD) information system and is designed to enable network providers to perform important patient care and administrative functions. Based on the duties of staff, providers should identify what access or privileges each staff should have. Depending on the organizational structure and workflows at provider agencies, some provider staff may need to have access to multiple functionalities within Sage.

Though we may think of a user’s function in Sage as a role, a more accurate way of approaching this is to consider what access to the different functionalities of Sage each staff member should have. This access should be based on the staff’s duties, clinical functions, role in the organization and level of responsibility within the organization’s structure.

The following descriptions are designed to provide clarity on access groups and their privileges to assist providers in determining what access staff should have within Sage.

When requesting User Access to Sage, providers will be asked to identify ONE “Access Group” for the staff member they are requesting access for. If the Access Group includes Clinical responsibilities because the user is expected to perform clinical functions, providers will be asked to add additional information to further define “Practitioner” type (e.g., LPHA type), including the following:

1. **NPI number** (required for any clinical providing billable services)
2. **Registration Date**
3. **Practitioner Category** (Counselor and LPHA distinctions)
4. **Discipline** (Type of certification or license)

Providers should only request staff access for access groups for which they are qualified to access and perform functions in. For example, counselors, licensed-eligible LPHAs or student/intern staff **SHOULD NOT** be placed in LPHA access groups regardless of their administrative positions or responsibilities.

This document includes an overview of the following Access Groups:

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| (1) Clinical Only – LPHA                       | (8) LVN & MA                          |
| (2) Clinical Only – Counselor                  | (9) Student / Intern                  |
| (3) Clinical Only – License-Eligible LPHA      | (10) Audit User                       |
| (4) Financial Only                             | (11) Operations                       |
| (5) Financial + Clinical – LPHA                | (12) Clerical                         |
| (6) Financial + Clinical – Counselor           | (13) Clinical Visible Only – No Login |
| (7) Financial + Clinical License-Eligible LPHA |                                       |

Access Group	DESCRIPTION
	<p>Access Group defines functional access within Sage. Within many Sage forms, particularly clinical forms, there is 'behind-the-scenes' logic that allows the system to automate certain functionalities (e.g., who is authorized to create a Draft of a form and who is able complete certain clinical forms as "Final"). Selecting the appropriate Access Group is required to ensure that provider staff have access to necessary functions within Sage based on their duties, clinical functions, and role and level of responsibility within their provider organization.</p>
<p>(1) Clinical Only – LPHA</p>	<p>This access group is exclusively for Licensed Professionals of the Healing Arts (LPHA) and licensed-eligible LPHA's, as defined by SAPC's Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services. Among other things, LPHA's and licensed-eligible LPHA's can establish medical necessity by signing off on ASAM assessments and are required to approve treatment plans.</p> <p>At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Admit a client</li> <li>2. Enter Cal-OMS data</li> <li>3. Create a Cal-OMS Admission and Discharge</li> <li>4. Perform Cal-OMS Annual Updates</li> <li>5. Create a Service Authorization</li> <li>6. Complete Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form</li> <li>7. Create <u>both</u> a <i>Draft</i> version as well as <i>Finalize</i> the following Sage Clinical Forms: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Progress Notes (All versions)</li> <li>b. Drug Testing</li> <li>c. Miscellaneous Note Options</li> <li>d. Patient Medications</li> <li>e. Discharge and Transfer Form</li> <li>f. Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge</li> <li>g. Provider Adverse Event Reporting</li> <li>h. Provider Complaints/Grievances</li> <li>i. Provider Reportable Incidents</li> <li>j. Provider Appeal Submission</li> <li>k. Treatment Plans</li> <li>l. ASAM Assessment</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

(2) Clinical Only – Counselor

This is intended for certified or registered counselors. This access group allows these counseling staff to conduct standard treatment services including, group counseling, individual session, treatment plans and the documentation of those services.

At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:

1. Admit a client
2. Enter Cal-OMS data
3. Create a Cal-OMS Admission and Discharge
4. Perform Cal-OMS Annual Updates
5. Create a Service Authorization
6. Complete Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form (note: should only enter diagnosis endorsed in the ASAM assessment by LPHA's or licensed-eligible LPHA's)
7. Create *Draft* version as well as *Finalize* most Sage Clinical Forms, unless indicated otherwise:
  - a. Progress Notes (All versions)
  - b. Drug Testing
  - c. Miscellaneous Note Options
  - d. Patient Medications
  - e. Discharge and Transfer Form
  - f. Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge
  - g. Provider Adverse Event Reporting
  - h. Provider Complaints/Grievances
  - i. Provider Reportable Incidents
  - j. Provider Appeal Submission
  - k. Treatment Plans\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)
  - l. ASAM Assessment\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)

(3) Clinical Only – Licensed Eligible  
LPHA

This access group is exclusively for Licensed Professionals of the Healing Arts (LPHA) and licensed-eligible LPHA's, as defined by SAPC's Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services. Among other things, LPHA's and licensed-eligible LPHA's can establish medical necessity by signing off on ASAM assessments and are required to approve treatment plans.

At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:

1. Admit a client
2. Enter Cal-OMS data
3. Create a Cal-OMS Admission and Discharge
4. Perform Cal-OMS Annual Updates
5. Create a Service Authorization
6. Complete Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form
7. Create both a *Draft* version as well as *Finalize* the following Sage Clinical Forms:
  - a. Progress Notes (All versions)
  - b. Drug Testing
  - c. Miscellaneous Note Options
  - d. Patient Medications
  - e. Discharge and Transfer Form
  - f. Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge
  - g. Provider Adverse Event Reporting
  - h. Provider Complaints/Grievances
  - i. Provider Reportable Incidents
  - j. Provider Appeal Submission
  - k. Treatment Plans
  - l. ASAM Assessment

(4) Financial Only

This access group is designed for staff who deal with the organization's finances, specifically those staff who will submit billing claims for treatment services eligible for reimbursement from the County.

At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:

1. Enter Cal-OMS data
2. Create a Cal-OMS Admission and Discharge
3. Perform Cal-OMS Annual Updates
4. Perform claim (billing) to the County
5. Access financial reports
6. View Authorizations
7. View Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10)
8. View ASAM Assessment
9. View Client Condition – Pregnancy
10. View Client Eligibility Verification Report
11. View Demographic
12. View Treatment Plan Worklist Report
13. View Clinical Contact
14. View Discharge and Transfer Assessment/Form
15. View Drug Testing
16. View Miscellaneous Note Options
17. View Patient Medications
18. View Progress Note (BIRP)
19. View Progress Note (GIRP)
20. View Progress Note (SIRP)
21. View Progress Note (SOAP)
22. View/Edit/Finalize Provider Appeals Submission
23. View Provider No Show Log
24. View Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge
25. View Treatment Plan

(5) Financial + Clinical – LPHA

Some LPHA's and licensed-eligible LPHA's also submit billing claims or are involved in financial matters. This access group is intended for such staff and includes the most comprehensive amount of permissions.

At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:

1. Admit a client
2. Enter Cal-OMS data
3. Create a Cal-OMS Admission and Discharge
4. Perform Cal-OMS Annual Updates
5. Create a Service Authorization
6. Complete Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form
7. Create both a *Draft* version as well as *Finalize* the following Sage Clinical Forms:
  - a. Progress Notes (All versions)
  - b. Drug Testing
  - c. Miscellaneous Note Options
  - d. Patient Medications
  - e. Discharge and Transfer Form
  - f. Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge
  - g. Provider Adverse Event Reporting
  - h. Provider Complaints/Grievances
  - i. Provider Reportable Incidents
  - j. Provider Appeal Submission
  - k. Treatment Plans
  - l. ASAM Assessment
8. Submit claims (billing) to SAPC
9. Access Financial Reports

Counseling staff may also be involved in submitted claims for treatment conducted. This access group will allow counseling staff to also submit claims for reimbursement-eligible services.

At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:

1. Admit a client
2. Enter Cal-OMS data
3. Create a Cal-OMS Admission and Discharge
4. Perform Cal-OMS Annual Updates
5. Create a Service Authorization
6. Complete Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form (note: should only enter diagnosis endorsed in the ASAM assessment by LPHA's or licensed-eligible LPHA's)
7. Create *Draft* version as well as *Finalize* most Sage Clinical Forms, unless indicated otherwise:
  - a. Progress Notes (All versions)
  - b. Drug Testing
  - c. Miscellaneous Note Options
  - d. Patient Medications
  - e. Discharge and Transfer Form
  - f. Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge
  - g. Provider Adverse Event Reporting
  - h. Provider Complaints/Grievances
  - i. Provider Reportable Incidents
  - j. Provider Appeal Submission
  - k. Treatment Plans\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)
  - l. ASAM Assessment\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)
8. Perform claim (billing) to the County
9. Access financial reports

(6) Financial + Clinical – Counselor

(7) Financial + Clinical – Licensed-Eligible LPHA

Some LPHA's and licensed-eligible LPHA's also submit billing claims or are involved in financial matters. This access group is intended for such staff and includes the most comprehensive amount of permissions.

At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:

10. Admit a client
11. Enter Cal-OMS data
12. Create a Cal-OMS Admission and Discharge
13. Perform Cal-OMS Annual Updates
14. Create a Service Authorization
15. Complete Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form
16. Create both a *Draft* version as well as *Finalize* the following Sage Clinical Forms:
  - m. Progress Notes (All versions)
  - n. Drug Testing
  - o. Miscellaneous Note Options
  - p. Patient Medications
  - q. Discharge and Transfer Form
  - r. Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge
  - s. Provider Adverse Event Reporting
  - t. Provider Complaints/Grievances
  - u. Provider Reportable Incidents
  - v. Provider Appeal Submission
  - w. Treatment Plans
  - x. ASAM Assessment
17. Submit claims (billing) to SAPC
18. Access Financial Reports



(8) LVN and Medical Assistant

The access group was designed for the primary purpose of Safeguarding Medications in Residential levels of Care and in dispensing medications. NOTE: LVNs and MAs are not able to provide billable services under START-ODS at this time.

At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:

1. Admit a Client
2. View/Edit Client Consent
3. View/Add/Edit Client File Attachment
4. View/Add/Edit Client Condition - Pregnancy
5. View/Edit Demographic
6. View/Edit Financial Eligibility
7. View Client Eligibility Verification Report
8. View Look Up Client/Main Menu/Provider Menu/Reports Menu
9. View Provider Activity Report
10. View Authorization Status Report/Authorizations, Avatar Admission, Avatar Diagnosis
11. View Cal-OMS Admission, Annual Update and Discharge
12. View ASAM Assessment
13. View/Edit/Finalize Clinical Contact
14. View/Edit/Finalize Drug Testing
15. View/Edit/Finalize Miscellaneous Note Options
16. View/Edit/Finalize Patient Medications
17. View Progress Notes (BIRP, GIRP, SIRP, and SOAP)
18. View/Edit/Finalize the following:
19. Adverse Event Reporting
20. Provider Appeals Submission
21. Provider Complaints/Grievances
22. Provider No Show Log
23. Provider Reportable Incidents
24. View Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge
25. View Treatment Plan

(9) Clinical Only – Student/Intern

Students / interns are required to have co-signatures on most of their documents. As a result, they are limited in what services they can provide independently without these co-signatures. This access group was designed with these limits in mind.

At a high-level, users with this Access Group can:

1. Admit a client
2. Enter Cal-OMS data
3. Create a Cal-OMS Admission and Discharge
4. Perform Cal-OMS Annual Updates
5. Create a Service Authorization
6. Complete Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10) Form (note: should only enter diagnosis endorsed in the ASAM assessment by LPHA's or licensed-eligible LPHA's)
7. Create *Draft* version of most Sage Clinical Forms, unless indicated otherwise:
  - a. Progress Notes (All versions)\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)
  - b. Drug Testing\*
  - c. Miscellaneous Note Options\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)
  - d. Patient Medications\*
  - e. Discharge and Transfer Form\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)
  - f. Recovery Bridge Housing Discharge\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)
  - g. Provider Adverse Event Reporting
  - h. Provider Complaints/Grievances
  - i. Provider Reportable Incidents
  - j. Provider Appeal Submission
  - k. Treatment Plans\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)
  - l. ASAM Assessment\* (can only access DRAFT functionality)

(10) Audit User  
(View -Only of SELECT Clinical and  
Financial Data)

Within each organization, there may be a need for certain staff to have view-only access to Admission, Clinical and Financial data. This Access Group allows these users to have view-only access to the Sage system, but they are limited from being able to change any data.

At a high-level, users with this Audit User Access Group can:

1. Look up Clients
2. View Admission and Demographics information
3. View Diagnosis
4. View CalOMS Admission, Annual Update, and Discharge
5. View Financial Eligibility
6. View Authorizations and Attachments
7. View Treatment Form
8. View Billing
9. View Services Denied

This Audit User has access to the following types of reports:

1. Audit Log Report
2. Treatment Plan Worklist Report
3. Authorization Request Status Report
4. Provider Activity Report
5. Financial Reports

The Audit User **CANNOT** access specific Clinical forms such as:

1. Progress Notes
2. Discharge and Transfer Form
3. Drug Testing and Patient Medications
4. Provider Appeals, Complaints & Grievances, or Reportable Incidents

(11) Operations  
(View-Only of ALL Clinical and  
Financial Forms )

The Operations Access Group has broad view-only access to the total Sage system, and allows greater view-only access than the Audit User Access Group, which only permits view-only access to select clinical and financial data.

At a high-level, users with this Operations (View-Only) Access Group can view:

1. All Admission, Clinical and Financial form in ProviderConnect
2. Access All ProviderConnect reports
3. View Check/EFT Number Report

(12) Clerical

Depending on the organization, clerical staff may need to access Sage. This Clerical Access Group allows clerical staff to have access to admission and demographic data, Cal-OMS creation, and view selected eligibility and authorization data.

At a high-level, users with this Clerical Access Group can:

1. Perform New Client Search
2. Add New Client/Provider Admission
3. Create Client Consent
4. View, Create and Edit Cal-OMS Admission
5. Create Cal-OMS Annual Update
6. Create Cal-OMS Discharge
7. View and Edit Demographics
8. View Financial Eligibility
9. Create and Edit Clinical Contact
10. View Authorizations
11. View Provider Diagnosis (ICD-10)

The Clerical Access Group can review the following Reports:

1. Authorization Request Status Report

This Access Group CANNOT:

1. Enter/Edit Financial Eligibility
2. View/Enter/Edit Client Condition - Pregnancy
3. View/Enter/Edit Treatment
4. View/Enter/Edit ASAM Assessment

(13) Clinical Visible Only – No Login

There may be times when you need to have a staff show up in certain Clinical dropdown lists in order for others to complete certain forms. However, it is not expected that they would ever need to enter data into Sage directly.

In order to choose this role for staff, you must confirm that these staff will NOT NEED:

1. To complete an ASAM Assessment or other form in Sage
2. A Login to Sage
3. Any Training

	Set up requires all of the same information to be provided as would be required for any other Clinical role.
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## **NOTE ON SUPERUSERS**

A Superuser is a staff member that is usually in a leadership role, who performs higher-level functions that require a deeper knowledge of the system. Importantly, Superusers also serve as the primary source of support for other staff who may need assistance navigating Sage. It is recommended that organizations designate one Superuser for every ten staff, with no less than three Superusers per organization.

Training for Superusers should include both Clinical and Financial training, regardless of Access Group designation, so that these users have an understanding of the full suite of business processes available in Sage. Superusers should be identified on the User Creation Form to receive additional training.