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North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC

Section 1500 – Clinical: Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Interim Services

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POLICY # 1593.00

SUBJECT: SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) INTERIM SERVICES

PURPOSE

To define Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Interim Services and the requirements to provide these services to Pregnant and Post-partum Women including Parenting Women with Dependent Children (PPW) and Individuals Using Intravenous Drugs (IUID).

POLICY

SUD Interim Services are provided when there is a lack of capacity at a Behavioral Health Agency (BHA) that is receiving Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funds. SUD Interim Services are provided to reduce the adverse health effects of substance use, promote the health of the individual and reduce the risk of disease transmission.

BHAs that are contracted to provide SUD services and receive SABG funds, will ensure SUD Interim Services are available and provided within 48 hours of the individual requesting treatment until an individual is admitted to a SUD treatment program if there is no treatment capacity available within 14 days of the individual requesting services.

PPW means women who:

1. Are pregnant; and/or,
2. Are post-partum during the first year after pregnancy completion regardless of the outcome of the pregnancy or placement of the children; and/or
3. Parenting dependent children including those attempting to gain custody of children supervised by the Department of Children, Youth, and Family Services.

IUID means an individual who uses intravenous drugs.

PROCEDURES

When a North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-ASO) individual requests services from a BHA, the BHA must screen for PPW and IUID as priority populations. When the individual is identified as PPW and/or IUID and also completes a SUD assessment and it has been determined the individual is in need of medically necessary treatment to which the individual agrees but there is no treatment capacity available to admit the individual to treatment within 14 days, the BHA will engage the individual in SUD Interim Services within 48 hours. SUD Interim Services will be provided until the individual is admitted to treatment.

A pregnant woman unable to access treatment due to lack of capacity and is in need of detoxification, may be referred to a Chemical Using Pregnant (CUP) program for admission, typically within 24 hours.

SUD Interim Services minimally must include:

1. Counseling and education regarding Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and Other Bloodborne Pathogens including:
 - a. The risks of needle sharing;
 - b. The risk of transmission to sexual partners;
 - c. The risk of transmission to infants and children;
 - d. Methods and steps to protect against transmission; and
 - e. Referrals to HIV and Other Bloodborne Pathogens when appropriate.
2. Counseling and education regarding Tuberculosis (TB) including:
 - a. The transmission; and
 - b. Referrals to TB testing and/or treatment services when appropriate.
3. For pregnant women include:
 - a. Counseling on the effects of alcohol and drugs on the fetus;
 - b. Referral for prenatal care; and
 - c. Referral as appropriate and available for Targeted Case Management, such as Safe Babies, Safe Moms; Brigid Collins; and/or Prenatal Care Assistance Program (PCAP).

The BHA will electronically transmit the SUD Interim Services provided to North Sound BH-ASO according to Service Encounter Reporting Instructions (SERI).

The BHA will submit the completed SUD Interim Services and wait list report according to the BHA contracted schedule with the North Sound BH-ASO.

ATTACHMENTS

None