

	Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (BHDD) Division
	Medicaid Services Provider Manual for Substance Use Disorder and Adult Mental Health Date effective: October 1, 2022
Policy Number: 520	Subject: SUD Outpatient (OP) Therapy (ASAM 1.0) Adult and Adolescent

Definition

SUD OP Therapy services include recovery or motivational enhancement therapies/ strategies. Services include individual, family, and group therapy in which diagnosis, assessment, psychotherapy, and related services are provided. ASAM 1.0 is defined as less than nine hours of service a week (adults) and less than six hours per week (adolescent).

Provider Requirements

SUD OP Therapy must be provided by a state approved program or a licensed mental health professional with substance use within their scope of practice.

Medical Necessity Criteria

Member must meet the SUD criteria as described in this manual and meet the ASAM criteria for diagnostic and dimensional admission criteria for ASAM 1.0 level of care.

Service Requirements

- (1) Group therapy services may not have more than 16 members participating in the group.
- (2) The provider must:
 - (a) formulate an Individualized Treatment Plan (ITP) on admission that identifies strength-based achievable goals and measurable objectives that are directed toward the alleviation of the symptoms and/or causes that led to the treatment; and
 - (b) document the response of the member to treatment and revise the ITP consistent with the clinical needs of the member.
- (3) SUD OP is not a bundled service and must be billed using the appropriate outpatient therapy codes.

Utilization Management

- (1) Prior authorization is not required.
- (2) Continued stay review not required.
- (3) The provider must document in the file of the member that the member meets the medical necessity criteria.