

Disaster Grant SUD Treatment Program

Provider Guidance based on Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher Principles

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The Disaster Grant SUD Treatment Program is a new program established September 2021 providing funding for eligible individuals in need substance use disorder treatment to receive community-based behavioral health services.

By providing community-based behavioral health services to individuals in their homes and community the state can reduce the need for individuals to enter congregate settings such as residential treatment facilities, inpatient hospitalization, and avoiding the need for emergency department interventions.

Background

Disaster Grant SUD Treatment program was developed following a request to behavioral health division to provide participants in need of substance use disorder treatment in Wahpeton, rural area of North Dakota, while waiting for administrative rule to be changed to support House Bill 1402. Disaster Grant SUD Treatment funding will be available to Life Transitions September 2021.

Utilizing the Provider Guidance

This Disaster Grant SUD Treatment Provider Guidance is written based on reimbursing the treatment services provided based on the Substance Use Disorder Voucher principles. Updates may be provided periodically.

Provider Eligibility

To provide and receive reimbursement for approved services, provider must:

1. Sign a Disaster Grant SUD Treatment Program Memorandum of Agreement and identify the approved services to be provided; and
2. Follow the Memorandum of Agreement requirements and Disaster Grant SUD Treatment Provider Guidance.

Participant Eligibility

Providers will be responsible for determining participant eligibility based on the following eligibility principles:

1. Participant is a North Dakota resident;
2. Participant is 14+ years of age; and
3. Participant meets one of the following income eligibility criteria and proof of documentation is provided;
 - a. Participant's income is below 200% Federal Poverty based on household size; or
 - b. If participant is an adolescent, guardian's income is below 200% Federal Poverty based on household; or
 - c. Participant's household expenses exceed household income and the participant's deductible is a barrier to obtaining services; or
 - d. Participant's income is above the 200% Federal Poverty based on household size and their monthly expenditures exceed their monthly income.

Participant Eligibility Screening

A provider is responsible for determining participant eligibility based on the criteria listed in Participant Eligibility above. For an individual determined to be eligible for the Disaster Grant SUD Treatment Program, the provider will submit an application with the individual.

- To determine if an individual is income eligible, a provider can use the US Department of Health & Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) to verify eligibility. Current FPG rates are accessible [here](#).
- A provider must obtain and retain copies of the participant eligibility documentation used during the provider’s eligibility screening process for a minimum of two years.
- While the Behavioral Health Division will not require eligibility documentation attachment with each application, a provider should be aware that the Disaster Grant SUD Treatment Program will conduct both routine and targeted audits to verify appropriate eligibility screenings have been completed. The table below outlines the documentation requirements for Applicant Eligibility verification:

Eligibility Criteria	Acceptable Verification Documents
Citizenship	One or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-issued ID • Passport • Current utility bill, mortgage statement, or lease agreement • Statement from shelter • Signed statement from individual attesting to residency in North Dakota (only permitted if no other options exist)
Age	One or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-issued ID • Passport • Birth certificate
Income	One or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most recent paystub • Unemployment records • Signed statement from individual attesting no income (only permitted if no other options exist)
Expenses (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copies of all expenses used to determine that the individual’s expenses exceed their income

Participant Application Submission

For an individual determined to be eligible for this program the provider must submit the [Participant Eligibility Form](#) with the applicant. This application includes the necessary ROIs.

Upon receipt & approval of the participant eligibility form, BHD will assign a Disaster Grant SUD Treatment ID number and GIPRA ID number (see outcomes for additional information regarding GIPRA ID). Provider will receive this information from the sudtxteam@nd.gov email address.

Outcomes

Providers will be responsible to submit GPRA outcomes. The responsible clinician for the participant’s care should be the team member completing the GPRA.

1. Contact SPARS at SPARS-Support@rti.org and request access to be able to view the GPRA training videos. SPARS will give you access to watch the GIPRA training videos.
2. Provider watches GPRA training videos located on the [BHD website](#) under the Addiction Provider Resources tab.
3. Provider reviews FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)
4. Provider will complete GPRA by following this link: [CMHS National Outcome Measures \(NOMs\) Client-Level Measures for Discretionary Programs Providing Direct Services Services Tool for Adult Programs \(samhsa.gov\)](#)
5. GPRA information generates to PIRE who processes the received GPRA data. PIRE sends notification to BHD. BHD will then process each individual’s invoice.

Billing/Invoice

1. Providers will be responsible to submit the monthly invoice to the Disaster Grant SUD Treatment email SUDtsteam@nd.gov
 - a. Invoice includes a checkbox stating individual has met eligibility for services
 - b. Invoice includes a checkbox to state outcome data has been submitted
2. Providers shall only submit one invoice per month per participant to ensure timely reimbursements can be made.
3. BHD will review the invoice and process the reimbursement in accordance with program reimbursement rates, see below. If there are any discrepancies or questions, BHD will reach out to provider.

Services/Reimbursement Rates

Services are only eligible for reimbursement through the Disaster Grant SUD Treatment program when provided for individuals not in a residential or congregate care setting. Services provided via telehealth are reimbursable.

Service	Rate	Specification
Screening	\$34.81	Per Screening
Assessment	\$130.28	Per Assessment
Individual Therapy	\$63.53	30 minutes
	\$84.34	45 minutes
	\$126.33	60 minutes
Group Therapy	\$311.77	Adult daily rate for ASAM Level 2.5 (20 hours minimum per week)
	\$380.36	Adolescent daily rate for ASAM Level 2.5 (20 hours minimum per week)
	\$217.53	Daily rate for ASAM 2.1 (9 or more hours per week/no more than 3 days per week)
	\$14.50	Unit rate per each 15 minutes for ASAM Level 1
Family Therapy	\$101.93	Per session without patient
	\$105.88	Per session with patient
Peer Support	\$7.25	15 minutes (face to face, phone, or video chat. Texting & emails not reimbursable)
Urine Analysis	\$14.86	Limit 1 per day
Transportation	\$0.56	Per mile. Up to 200 miles from address to address per day

Quality Assurance Process

1. On a regular basis, BHD will request Providers send in participant's documentation for a quality assurance review.
2. The quality management review will consist of (but not limited to) the following:
 - a. Ensuring information is complete;
 - b. Identifying eligibility was determined appropriately;
 - c. Review service notes for medical necessity;
 - d. Confirm the reimbursement cannot be covered by Medicaid or 3rd party payment, if applicable.