

# Substance Abuse Services (Outpatient)

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**Substance Abuse Treatment Services- Outpatient**, provided by or under the supervision of a physician or other qualified/licensed personnel; may include use of funds to expand HIV-specific capacity of programs if timely access to treatment and counseling is not otherwise available

Services limited to the following:

- Pre-treatment/recovery readiness programs
- Harm reduction
- Mental health counseling to reduce depression, anxiety and other disorders associated with substance abuse
- Outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling
- Opiate Assisted Therapy
- Neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals
- Relapse prevention
- Limited acupuncture services with a written referral from the client's primary health care provider, provided by certified or licensed practitioners wherever State certification or licensure exists (Not funded by Phoenix EMA)
  - Services provided must include a treatment plan that calls only for allowable activities and includes:
    - The quantity, frequency, and modality of treatment provided
    - The date treatment begins and ends
    - Regular monitoring and assessment of client progress
    - The signature of the individual providing the service and or the supervisor as applicable

## Goals

- Assist HIV-positive clients with cessation of substance abuse thereby reducing barriers to medical care
- Refer to/or provide psychiatric evaluation and medication monitoring if indicated
- Comply with the State of Arizona requirements for the provision of Substance Abuse Services, and the Planning Council's Universal Standards of Care

## Desired Outcomes

Measure:

Substance Abuse Screening

National Quality Forum #: None

Percentage of new patients with a diagnosis of HIV who have been screened for substance use (alcohol & drugs) in the measurement year

## Client Level Standards

**STANDARD: *Licensing:*** As per ADHS guidelines A.A.C. TITLE 9., HEALTH SERVICES CHAPTER 10. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS: LICENSING ARTICLE 13. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SPECIALIZED TRANSITIONAL FACILITY And TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS CHAPTER 6. BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS

**MEASURE:** All agencies and applicable staff are licensed and licenses are current.

**MEASURE:** All unlicensed staff are supervised by a licensed substance abuse professional.

**MEASURE:** License for agency includes current service location and is posted and current.

**STANDARD: *Assessment:*** Assessment will occur that is compliant with HRSA Part A Standards and BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS CHAPTER 6. ARTICLE 11. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

**MEASURE:** Chart will include as appropriate an assessment, which must be completed that is compliant with HRSA Part A Standards and BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS CHAPTER 6. ARTICLE 11. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

**STANDARD: *Treatment Plan:*** A treatment plan must be completed that is compliant with HRSA Part A Standards and BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS CHAPTER 6. ARTICLE 11. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE .

**MEASURE:** Chart will include an treatment plan which must be completed that is compliant with HRSA Part A Standards and BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS CHAPTER 6. ARTICLE 11. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

**MEASURE:** Treatment plan will be reviewed:

- When a goal is accomplished or changes
- When additional information that affects the client’s assessment is identified
- When a client has a significant change in condition or experiences an event that affects treatment

**STANDARD:** Appropriate referrals and linkages to care will be provided.

**MEASURE:** Necessary referrals are documented for one or more of the following:

- Case management
- Psychiatric assessment
- Primary medical care
- Community support services

**STANDARD: *Discharge:*** Discharge from substance abuse treatment occurs that is compliant with [HRSA Part A Standards and BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EXAMINERS TITLE 4. PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS CHAPTER 6. ARTICLE 11. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE](#)

**MEASURE:** Clients are discharged according to agency discharge criteria when treatment goals are achieved or when treatment needs are not consistent with agency services.

**MEASURE:** Clients who are involuntarily discharged have a right to submit a grievance [in accordance with the agency’s Ryan White Part A Grievance Policy & Procedure.](#)

## Vendor Level Standards

**STANDARD:** Agency follows policies.

**MEASURE:** Agency has policies describing:

- How to conduct an assessment
- Discharge criteria
- Grievance procedures