

Effective February 1, 2005, Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Services for Medicaid Managed Care recipients will be reimbursed to providers directly from Nebraska Medicaid. This has some implications for some Employment First participants.

- This reimbursement will be for ONLY Medicaid Managed Care recipients age 19 and older.
- The initial Provider network is limited to Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Providers who have current contract(s) with Nebraska Behavioral Health through regional authorities, are Licensed Substance Abuse Treatment Centers, Enrolled Medicaid Providers, and credentialed Magellan Providers. While the initial network is limited to the above, Nebraska Health and Human Services System and Magellan Health Services will continue to assess the need for providers and services through gap analysis surveys and provider recommendations.
- Service authorizations for adult substance abuse treatment will not be significantly modified until further notice. Providers will, however, be required to use the ASAM "Clinical Assessment and Placement Survey" for all authorized services, and begin to be increasingly more knowledgeable of the ASAM (American Society of Addiction Medicine) criteria for each level of service throughout the year.
- Providers are required to know whether their clients are eligible for Managed Medicaid Services. This information can be obtained by calling the NMES line at (1-800-642-6092 Statewide) or (402-471-9580 Lincoln).

Implications for Employment First participants:

- Behavioral health and substance abuse services for Medicaid is managed statewide by Magellan Health Services. All Employment First participants who are eligible for Medicaid will be covered for in- and out-patient substance abuse counseling and treatment, even if it is the primary condition/disorder.
- The caveat is that participants must use an Adult Substance Abuse Treatment Provider who has been approved by and is currently contracted with Nebraska Behavioral Health through regional authorities. A list of the approved providers is attached below.
- The cost of in- and out-patient substance abuse counseling and treatment is an allowable EF supportive service. If Medicaid cannot be utilized to pay for the counseling and treatment. Reference 468-000-309, page 1.
- Employment First will no longer have to pay for these services unless the participant is not eligible for Medicaid.
- An Employment First adult participant would not be eligible for Medicaid if they are currently sanctioned for failure to: 1) cooperate with Child Support Enforcement (CSE); 2) cooperate with Third Party Liability (TPL) medical payments; or 3) cooperate with obtaining available, cost effective health insurance.
- Employment First funds are authorized using the appropriate Medicaid rate. Medicaid and Behavioral Health rates are the same. A list of the services, rates, codes, and levels of care is attached below.

The following attachments will assist you in understanding and referring clients to adult substance abuse treatment. If you have questions or require assistance, contact the Magellan network manager, Christy Evans, at 402.437.4268.

Adult Substance Abuse

ASAM Treatment Services

Providers and Contact Information

Codes/Rates/Current Levels of Care



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