

SUD Services

Medicaid Members can now get care for drug and alcohol problems. Starting January 1, 2014, Colorado added a SUD (Substance Use Disorder) benefit to its Medicaid program. The following table explains substance use disorder benefits covered under this Behavioral Health Plan. (Note that inpatient and residential services are **not** covered services.)

All services must be medically necessary for your covered substance use disorder. Court ordered services may or MAY NOT be medically necessary. A physician will decide whether a member meets the medical necessity criteria if the services are ordered by the courts.

Note that inpatient and residential services are not covered benefits. Inpatient is only covered if the inpatient hospitalization is for an emergency condition.

To find a SUD provider, call CHP's Access to Care Line at 1-800-804-5008.

Case Management Services	These are services you get in the community. They help you stay in the community. They include service planning, outreach, referral and coordination of services. Routine case management is part of the services provided by your care coordinator.
Emergency Care	Emergency care is the treatment of a substance use disorder that is life threatening. It is life threatening to the person who is having the crisis. Or, another person may think it is life threatening to you.
Outpatient Treatment	These are services you get in an office or other place in the community. Services include individual, brief, and group therapy.
Social Detox Services	These are services that help people get clean and sober. They will monitor your vital signs, assess your motivation for treatment, provide your daily living needs and do a safety assessment.
Medication Assisted Therapy	These are services provided in an outpatient Substance Use Disorder setting. They include administration of Methadone or another approved controlled substance to a person who is opiate dependent in order to decrease or do away with dependence on opiates. It also may include counseling to help the person focus on their recovery without having to deal with the symptoms of withdrawal.
Peer Services	These are services provided by a recovery coach or a peer specialist. A recovery coach/peer specialist is someone who has had personal experience with a drug or alcohol addiction, is now sober, and has had special training to use his or her experience to help others in recovery. Recovery Coaches are part of a treatment team at the behavioral health center or substance abuse provider setting.