

Clinical Services Division: Utilization Management & Quality Improvement Updates

Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
All Provider Meeting Sept 18, 2025
Substance Abuse Prevention & Control



Agenda



ASAM Criteria 4th Edition Capacity Building at Residential Locations



Addiction Medicine Services and Billing Considerations



7-OH (aka 7-Hydroxymitragynine) Overdoses

ASAM 4th Edition Capacity Building: Residential Co-Occurring Capability and Additional Residential Withdrawal Management Beds



The ASAM Criteria Continuum of Care for Adult Addiction Treatment

Level 4: Inpatient

4 Medically Managed
Inpatient
4 Psych

Level 3: Residential

3.1 Clinically Managed
Low-Intensity
Residential

3.5 Clinically Managed
High-Intensity
Residential
3.5 COE

3.7 Medically Managed
Residential
3.7 BIO 3.7 COE

Level 2: IOP/HIOP

2.1 Intensive
Outpatient (IOP)

2.5 High-Intensity
Outpatient
(HIOP)
2.5 COE

2.7 Medically Managed
Intensive
Outpatient
2.7 COE

Level 1: Outpatient

1.0 Long-Term
Remission
Monitoring

1.5 Outpatient
Therapy
1.5 COE

1.7 Medically Managed
Outpatient
1.7 COE

Recovery Residence

RR Recovery
Residence

Notable Level of Care changes



Removing Level 0.5. Early intervention and prevention are addressed in a new chapter.



Removing Level 3.3. Reflecting that cognitive deficits should be addressed in all levels of care.



Level 3.2 WM services integrated into Level 3.5.



Recovery support service expectations at each level of care.



Expectation that all levels of care be co-occurring capable at minimum.



Adding harm reduction as a component of individualized care.



Clinical Trainings for Substance Use Services

ASAM Criteria 4th Edition: Implications for SAPC Treatment Provider Agencies

<http://www.sapc-inc.org/www/lms/training-info.aspx?trainingID=401>

Proposed Future Opportunity: **ASAM 4th Edition Residential Capacity Building Pilot**

- Time-limited capacity building start-up fund funds for:
 - Staffing (LPHAs which may include *psychiatrist / Psych-NPs*) providing mental health services in residential LOCs
 - Adding 3.2-WM Bed Capacity
 - *Limited to residential sites of care*
- Funding Available via Approved Implementation Plan which must include:
 - Proposed Staffing Model
 - Proposed 3.2-WM Bed Additions
- Progress Reports Monitoring Key Performance Indicators:
 - Mental health diagnoses documented via Cal-OMS
 - Count / % of Staff providing mental health services
 - Count / % Clients who received on-site mental health services
 - Units of Service for mental health services
 - 3.2-WM Bed Count / Utilization

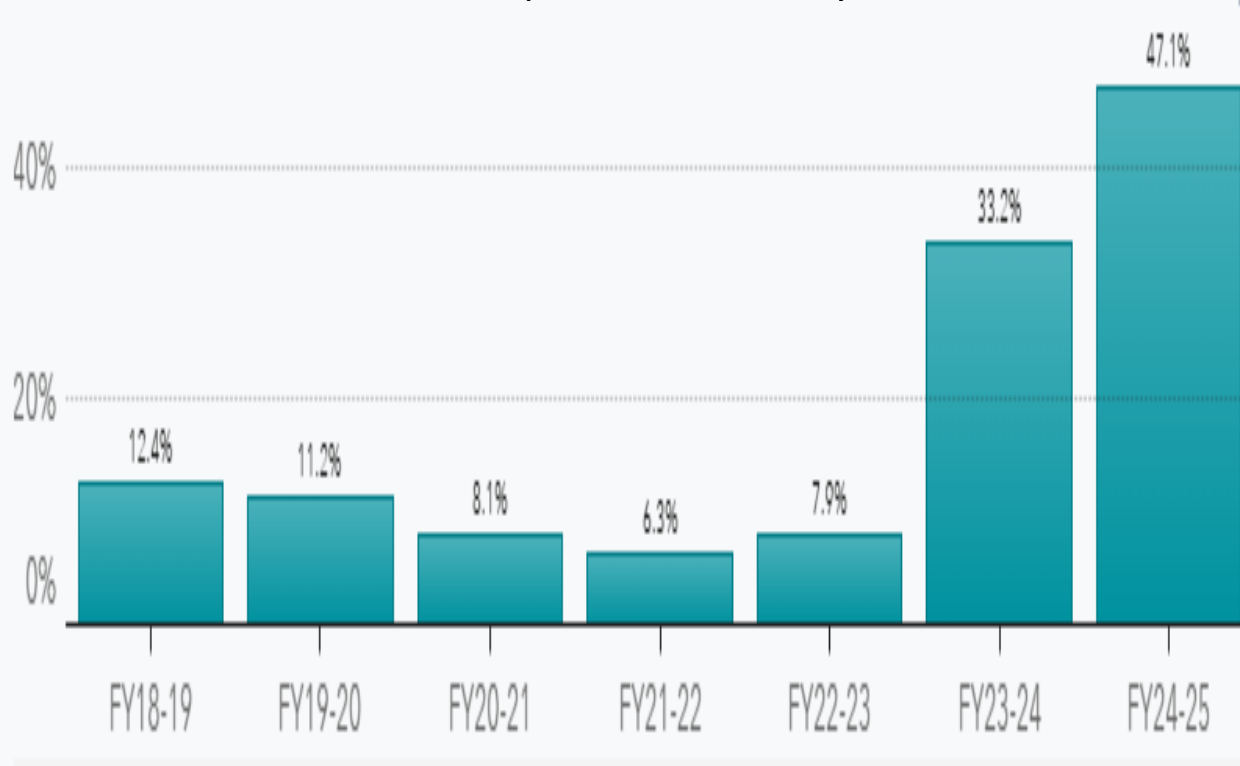
Specific Funding Amount(s) TBD

Addiction Medication Services and Billing Considerations



Receipt of Medication Services based on Claims by OUD/AUD Diagnosis

Medications Services for Patients with
Alcohol Use Disorder
(non-OTP LOCs)



Medications Services for Patients with
Opioid Use Disorder
(non-OTP LOCs)

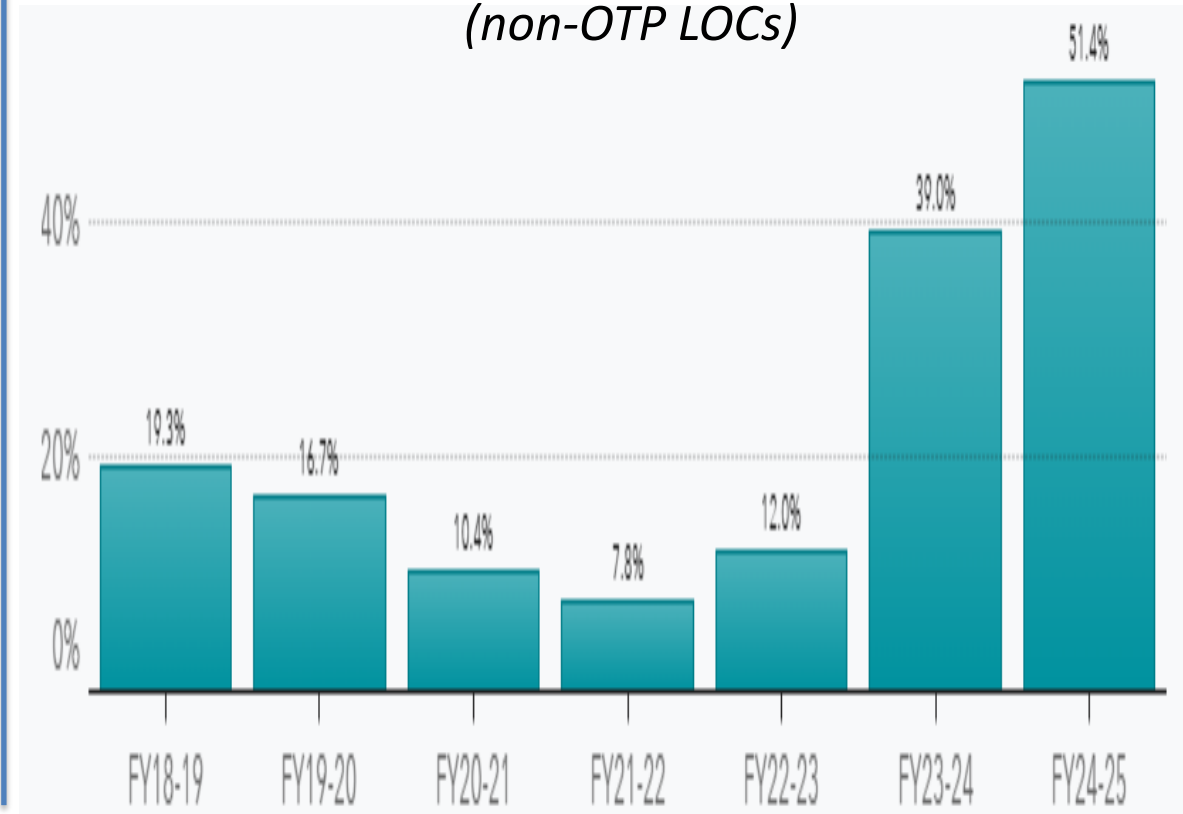


Chart Reviews	FY 22-23 Q4	FY23-24 Q2	FY 23-24 Q4	FY 24-25 Q2
% of admissions for patients with <u>OUD</u> (n=163) a MAT discussion, education, or referral	79% (68% OTP excluded)	70% (60% OTP excluded)	89% (84% OTP excluded)	90% (85% OTP excluded)
% of patients with <u>OUD</u> , MAT for OUD (n=163) started or continued with MAT	67% (40% OTP excluded)	57% (38% OTP excluded)	69% (44% OTP excluded)	70% (50% OTP excluded)
% of admissions for patients with <u>AUD</u> (n=216) a MAT discussion, education, or referral	68%	70%	86%	81%
% of patients with <u>AUD</u> , MAT for AUD (n=216) started or continued with MAT	20%	22%	25%	21%
% of admissions for patients with <u>TUD</u> (n=40) a MAT discussion, education, or referral	27%	30%	63%	100%
% of patients with <u>TUD</u> (n=40) MAT for TUD started or continued with MAT	16%	21%	25%	25%

Reminder: Addiction Medication Prescribing Clinician Funding Opportunity

- Start-up funding is available to all SAPC-contracted treatment agencies
- Additional funding can be requested in a ratio of \$200,000 (per 40 hours/week, regardless of Tier), **with no maximum amount**
- Designed to be combined / matched with local agency funds, and sustained beyond two years through SAPC billing for medication services
- Next Round of plans due **9/30/2025**

Start-Up Funding Schedule

- Ratio of \$200,000 **per** 40 hours/week of medical clinician time
- **Example 1:** \$200,000 **of** one-time start up funding across 2 years:
 - \$150,000 **per** 40 hours/week during Year 1
 - \$50,000 **per** 40 hours/week during Year 2
- **Example 2:** \$400,000 **of** one-time start up funding across 2 years
 - \$300,000 **per** 80 hours/week during Year 1
 - \$100,000 **per** 80 hours/week during Year 2

Workforce Development

SAPC Home / Providers / Payment Reform / Workforce Development

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/providers/payment-reform-vbi/workforce-development.htm>

MAT Prescribing Clinician Cost Sharing- (2-E)

Invoicing/Submission Guidelines

Guidance Documents:

- Instructions for MAT Prescribing Clinician Start-Up Cost Sharing (Revised - August 2025)

Part 1: Implementation Plan/Addendum Submission and Approval. (75% of funds issued).

Implementation Plan

Provider Agencies without an Implementation Plan approved before 7/01/25

- Invoice form
- MAT Prescribing Clinician Start-Up Cost Sharing Implementation Plan (Non-OTP) (Revised - August 2025)
- MAT Prescribing Clinician Start-Up Cost Sharing Implementation Plan (OTP Only) (Revised - August 2025)

Payment

Start-up funding is available to all DMC-ODS provider agencies at a ratio of \$200,000 per 40 hours per week of MAT prescribing clinician time, distributed in 2 payments:

- Part 1: Due 9/30/25
- Part 2: **No Action Needed from Provider Agencies.** SAPC will internally verify provider agency participation on 3/31/26 and will notify provider agencies by the end of the fiscal year of the status.

Three Waves: Addiction Medication Prescribing Clinician Funding Opportunity

Round 1 (FY23-24)

27 Agencies
Submitted proposals for:
955 hours/week new
medical clinician
hours

(Mode: 40 h/wk / agency)
(Mean: 35 h/wk / agency)

48 New Medical
Clinicians

Round 2 (FY24-25)

30 Total Agencies
3 *Additional Agencies*
9 *Existing Agencies*
Proposed Extending Hours

Additional Medical Clinicians / Hours	
Additions Round 2	Cumulative Total
22 new clinicians	70 new clinicians
885 hrs per week	1,840 hrs per week

(Mode: 40 h/wk / agency)
(Mean: 60 h/week / agency)

Round 3 (FY25-26)

Next Round Submission
due Sept 2025

Implementation by June
2026

Associated Addiction Medication Programmatic Support and Meetings

- Bimonthly MAT Action Team Meeting
- Bimonthly Youth MAT Meeting
- Bimonthly Medical Directors and SAPC Medical Clinicians Meeting
- Agencies Participating in the Capacity Building Program:
 - Technical Assistance
 - Coaching
 - Dedicated In-Person MAT Learning Collaboratives

Practitioner-Level Billing

Sage Service Code Description	Code	Physician Assistant/ Clinical Trainee	Pharmacist/ Clinical Trainee	Nurse Practitioner/ Clinical Trainee	Physician (MD/DO)/ Medical Student in Clerkship
Office or other outpatient visit of new patient, 15-29 mins	99202	\$159.43	N/A	\$176.78	\$355.49
Office or other outpatient visit of a new patient, 30- 44 mins	99203	\$267.90	N/A	\$297.03	\$597.32
Office or other outpatient visit of a new patient, 45-59 mins	99204	\$376.36	N/A	\$417.29	\$839.15
Office or other outpatient visit of a new patient, 60-74 mins	99205	\$484.82	N/A	\$537.54	\$1,080.98
Office or other outpatient visit of an established patient, 10-19 mins	99212	\$108.46	N/A	\$120.26	\$241.83
Office or other outpatient visit of an established patient, 20-29 mins	99213	\$162.69	N/A	\$180.38	\$362.75
Office or other outpatient visit of an established patient, 30-39 mins	99214	\$252.72	N/A	\$280.19	\$563.46
Office or other outpatient visit of an established patient, 40-54 mins	99215	\$339.49	N/A	\$376.40	\$756.93
Prolonged clinical staff service during an E&M service in the office direct physician supervision, first hour	99415	\$433.84	N/A	\$481.03	\$967.32
Prolonged clinical staff service during an E&M service in the office direct with physician supervision; each addtl 30 mins	99416	\$216.92	N/A	\$240.51	\$483.66
Prolonged outpatient E&M service with or without direct patient contact beyond time, each 15 mins of total time	99417	\$108.46	N/A	\$120.26	\$241.83
Prolonged inpatient or observation E&M service(s) time with or without direct patient contact beyond time, each 15 mins of total time	99418	\$108.46	N/A	\$120.26	\$241.83
Oral medication administration, direct observation, 15 mins	H0033	\$108.46	\$115.76	\$120.26	\$241.83
Medication training and support, group service, 15 mins (Must use HQ modifier)	H0034	\$24.10	\$25.72	\$26.72	\$53.74
Medication training and support, 15 mins	H0034	\$108.46	\$115.76	\$120.26	\$241.83

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/providers/manuals-bulletins-and-forms.htm#bulletins>

MAT Incentive Tracking Codes (\$0 value codes) – All Levels of Care

Code Type	Sage Service Code Description	Code
MAT Services	MAT education	H2010M
MAT Services	Naloxone handling/distribution	H2010N

Billing MAT Services Under DMC-ODS: The Codes You Need to Know



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SAPC Provider Network Training Communication

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/providers/trainings-and-events.htm>

7-OH (aka 7-Hydroxymitragynine) Overdoses





LAC DPH Health Alert:

Fatal Overdoses Associated with 7-Hydroxymitragynine (7-OH) in Los Angeles County

September 12, 2025



This message is intended for emergency, urgent care, primary care, and behavioral health providers in Los Angeles County.

Please distribute as appropriate.

Key Messages

- Fatal overdoses linked to 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), a synthetically concentrated metabolite of the kratom plant (*Mitragyna speciosa*), have been identified in Los Angeles County.





Recommendations

- Distribute (and prescribe / dispense when able) naloxone
- Educate community members about how to recognize and respond to overdose.
- Treat Withdrawal and Use Disorder involving 7-OH
- Report suspected or confirmed 7-OH overdoses to Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222.
- Provide risk reduction guidance:
 - Ask people, including adolescents, about recreational drug use.
 - Educate community members about the risks of 7-OH described above.
 - Provide guidance to those who use substances:
 - Never use alone
 - Use small “tester” doses
 - Stagger drug use with others
 - Avoid mixing drugs
 - Carry naloxone

Treating 7-OH Withdrawal and Use Disorders

- [SAPC Information Notice 24-03 - Withdrawal Management Standards in the SAPC Treatment Network](#)
- [SAPC Information Notice 24-01 - Addiction Medication Access in the SAPC Treatment Network](#)

1.7-OH Withdrawal

The ASAM
**NATIONAL
PRACTICE
GUIDELINE**
For the Treatment of
Opioid Use Disorder
2020 Focused Update



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American Society of
Addiction Medicine

UNIT/BRANCH/CONTACT	EMAIL/Phone Number	Description of when to contact
Sage Help Desk	Phone Number: (855) 346-2392 ServiceNow Portal: https://netsmart.service-now.com/plexussupport	All Sage related questions, including billing, denials, medical record modifications, system errors, and technical assistance
Sage Management Branch (SMB)	SAGE@ph.lacounty.gov	Sage process, workflows, general questions about Sage forms and usage
QI and UM	SAPC.QI.UM@ph.lacounty.gov UM (626)299-3531- (No Protected Health Information PHI)	All authorizations related questions, Questions about specific patient/auth, questions for the office of the Medical Director , medical necessity, secondary EHR form approval
Systems of Care	SAPC_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov	Questions about policy, the provider manual, bulletins, and special populations (youth, PPW, criminal justice, homeless)
Contracts	SAPCMonitoring@ph.lacounty.gov	Questions about general contract, appeals, complaints, grievances and/or adverse events. Agency specific contract questions should be directed to the agency CPA if known.
Strategic and Network Development	SUDTransformation@ph.lacounty.gov	DHCS policy, DMC-ODS general questions, SBAT
Clinical Standards and Training (CST)	SAPC.cst@ph.lacounty.gov	Clinical training questions, documentation guidelines, requests for trainings
Phone Number to file an appeal	(626) 299-4532	
Grievance and Appeals (G&A)	(626)293-2846	Providers or patients who have questions or concerns after receiving a Grievance and Appeals Resolution Letter or follow up with an appeal.
CalOMS	HODA_CalOMS@ph.lacounty.gov	CalOMS Questions
Finance Related Topics	SAPC-Finance@ph.lacounty.gov (626) 293-2630	For questions regarding Finance related topics that are not related to billing issues
Out of County Provider	Nancy Crosby (ncrosby@ph.lacounty.gov)	Out of county provider requesting assistance in submitting authorization for LA County beneficiary & resident Intercounty Transfer / Medi-cal eligibility (MEDS- acceptable aid codes) / Applying for Medi-cal general questions
SASH	(844) 804-7500	Patients calls requesting for service

Q&A / Discussion

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

Socrates