

The Ryan White CARE Act defines the Mental Health budget line items as follows:

Substance Abuse Services Outpatient: The provision of medical or other treatment and/or counseling to address substance abuse problems (i.e., alcohol and/or legal and illegal drugs) provided in an outpatient setting rendered by a physician or under the supervision of a physician, or by other qualified personnel.

Substance Abuse Services Residential: The provision of treatment to address substance abuse issues (including alcohol, legal and illegal drugs), problems provided in an inpatient health services setting rendered (short term).

May Include:

- ◆ Pre-treatment program of recovery readiness.
- ◆ Harm reduction.
- ◆ Mental health counseling to reduce depression, anxiety, and other disorders associated with substance abuse.
- ◆ Outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling.
- ◆ Methadone treatment.

Additional Information (Outpatient):

May Include:

- ◆ Neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals
- ◆ Relapse prevention (97-02.15).

Limitations (Outpatient):

- ◆ Does not include services related to syringe exchange programs. (97-02.15).

Additional Information: (Residential):

- ◆ May include detoxification if provided in a non-hospital separately licensed setting or a separately licensed detoxification facility within the walls of a hospital. (97-02.15)

Limitations (Residential):

- ◆ If the residential treatment service is in a facility that primarily provides inpatient medical of psychiatric care, the component providing the drug and/or alcohol treatment must be separately licenses for that purpose. (97-02.15).

The Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council (RHAC) policy is that eligible clients may access up to one 28-day inpatient stay, eight (8) visits for substance abuse therapy and/or ten (10) group therapy sessions. A fee schedule does apply. All visits must have an authorization prior to being paid. Approval for authorization is contingent on the appropriate documentation and available funding.

Documentation: To obtain an authorization for payment for a substance abuse service, a completed authorization request must be submitted to HPC along with a statement (for example an email, letter, or script) from the primary care provider verifying the service is necessary and directly related to client's adherence and HIV treatment.