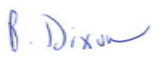




United Behavioral Health

Substance Use Disorder Outreach Services and Priority Populations			Policy Identifier/Number: CM-24
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Policy Category: Government – Pierce Regional Support Network	Applicable Lines of Business: Medicaid	Entity/Plan: Optum Pierce Behavioral Health Organization	State: Pierce County, Washington
Approved by: Bea Dixon, Executive Director			Signature: 

Policy Statement and Purpose

Optum Pierce Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) will ensure that outreach services designed to reduce transmission of HIV and encourage individuals using intravenous drugs (IUID) to participate in treatment are provided to priority populations.

The purpose of this policy is to describe the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) agency outreach activities to be provided to SUD priority populations.

Policy Audience and Applicability

This policy is applicable to the Optum Pierce BHO and benefits administered through the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) current Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP).

Policy Definitions

N/A

Policy Provisions

1. The BHO must ensure that SUD outreach is provided to the following priority populations as defined in *45 CFR 96.126(e)* and *45 CFR 96.131*:
 - 1.1. Programs which receive Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) funds shall give preference, in order of importance, to treatment of:
 - 1.1.1.1. Pregnant injecting drug users;
 - 1.1.1.2. Pregnant substance abusers;
 - 1.1.1.3. Individuals Using Intravenous Drugs (IUID); and
 - 1.1.1.4. All others requesting treatment.

Optum is responsible for adhering to all applicable state and/or federal laws governing activities within the scope of this policy, including the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy requirements, as well as the applicable requirements, standards and regulations as set forth by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Labor (DoL), and any applicable accrediting organizations.

2. The outreach activities must be specifically designed to reduce transmission of HIV and encourage IUID to undergo treatment.
3. Outreach methods used should be scientifically sound, or if no such models are available which are applicable to the local situation, will use an approach which can be reasonably expected to be an effective outreach method. The model shall require that outreach efforts include the following:
 - 3.1. Selecting, training, and supervising staff conducting outreach;
 - 3.2. Contacting, communicating and following-up with high risk substance abusers, their associates, and neighborhood residents, within the constraints of Federal and State confidentiality requirements, including *42 CFR Part 2*;
 - 3.3. Promoting awareness among injecting drug abusers about the relationship between injecting drugs and communicable diseases such as HIV;
 - 3.4. Recommend steps that can be taken to ensure that HIV transmission does not occur; and
 - 3.5. Encouraging entry into SUD treatment.

Related Policies, Procedures & Materials

- Pierce Behavioral Health Organization policy: AD – 25 *Services to Pregnant, Postpartum, and Parenting Women*
- Pierce Behavioral Health Organization policy: AD – 24 *Identical Treatment*
- Pierce Behavioral Health Organization policy: QA – 08 *Clinical and Administrative Review*
- Pierce Behavioral Health Organization policy: CM – 03 *Timely Access to Care*
- Pierce Behavioral Health Organization policy: CM – 16 *Co-occurring Disorder Screening and Assessment*

Attachments

N/A

Approval History

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