

Important Substance Use Disorder Treatment Information

With Kentucky's commitment to combatting opioid, alcohol, and other substance dependencies in mind, the Department for Medicaid Services(DMS) is implementing a new standard of care for substance use treatment. These new standards will expand coverage and increase access to care for Kentuckians seeking recovery from Substance Use Disorder (SUD).

Key Dates:

JUNE 17th, 2019: Provider Webinar from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM ET (**SIGN UP** by [clicking here](#))

JUNE 20th, 2019: Maintenance and Registration begins (**REQUIRED** for current BHSO Providers)

JULY 1st, 2019: SUD changes are **ANTICIPATED** to start

What's changing with the new SUD guidelines?

- Providers should follow guidelines for SUD treatment services outlined in *"The ASAM Criteria"*
- Residential SUD treatment providers will obtain the ASAM/CARF certification or a DMS on site visit certification

What do these changes mean for providers?

- Behavioral Health Service Organizations (BHSO) will be self-registered into one or more applicable tiers:
 - Tier I- Mental Health
 - Tier II- Outpatient SUD
 - Tier III- Inpatient SUD
- Methadone for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD) will be a covered service in a Narcotic Treatment Program (NTP) under Medicaid.

What do these changes mean for beneficiaries?

- Many who could not afford treatment may now have access to the care they need.
- Access to quality residential care for Kentuckians looking for care.

Kentuckians can find access to treatment in their communities on [Find Help Now Kentucky](#) or by calling 1-833-8KY-HELP.