

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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October 10, 2023

Susan Birch, Director  
Dr. Charissa Fotinos, Medicaid Director  
Health Care Authority  
PO Box 45502  
Olympia, WA 98504-5010

Re: Washington State Plan Amendment (SPA) Transmittal Number 23-0010

Dear Susan Birch and Dr. Fotinos:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) WA-23-0010. This amendment will update the Medicaid State Plan, Attachment 3, Section 13.d Rehabilitation Services with enhanced mobile crisis services.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act. This letter is to inform you that Washington's Medicaid SPA WA-23-0010 was approved on October 10, 2023, with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Edwin Walaszek at 212-616-2512 or via email at [Edwin.Walaszek1@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Edwin.Walaszek1@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

Ruth A. Hughes, Acting Director  
Division of Program Operations

cc: Ann Myers, Section Manager & State Plan Coordinator, Health Care Authority

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL  
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2</u> <u>3</u> — <u>0</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u> <u>0</u>	2. STATE <u>WA</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**January 1, 2024**

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
1902(a)

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2024 \$ 1,026,000  
b. FFY 2025 \$ 1,503,000

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
3.1-A pgs 37 - 40, 40a-40d remove, 41-53  
  
3.1-B pgs 37, 38, 38a remove, 39, 39a-39d remove, 40-52  
  
4.19-B pg 37

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
~~3.1-A pgs 37-53~~  
~~3.1-B pgs 37-52~~  
~~4.19-B pg 37~~  
3.1-A pgs 37 (TN# 10-0010); 38 (TN# 17-0003); 39 (TN# 10-010); 40 (19-0003); 40a-40d (TN# 19-0003); 41 - 42 (TN# 03-019); 43 (TN# 09-013); 44 - 53 (TN# 03-019)  
3.1-B pgs 37 (TN# 10-010); 38 (TN# 17-0003); 38a (TN# 10-010); 39 (TN# 19-0003); 39a - 39d (TN# 19-0003); 40 - 41 (TN# 03-019); 42 (TN# 09-013); 43 - 52 (TN# 03-019)  
4.19-B pg 37 (TN# 21-0019)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
Rehabilitative Services - Behavioral Health Services

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)  
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  
*Charissa Fotinos MD, MSc*

12. TYPED NAME  
Charissa Fotinos MD, MSc

13. TITLE  
Medicaid and Behavioral Health Medical Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED  
July 25, 2023

15. RETURN TO  
State Plan Coordinator  
POB 42716  
Olympia, WA 98504

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16. DATE RECEIVED  
July 25, 2023

17. DATE APPROVED  
October 10, 2023

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
January 1, 2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Ruth A. Hughes

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS:  
9/28/23: State submitted revised SPA on 9/27/23 and authorized the following P&I change:  
• For 3.1-A, remove pages 40a-40d from box 8; these pages are being removed from the Plan.  
• For 3.1-B, remove page 38a, 39a - d from box 8; they are being removed from the Plan.  
  
8/29/23: State authorized the following P&I change :  
• For 3.1-A, remove pages "37-53" and add: 37 (TN# 10-0010); 38 (TN# 17-0003); 39 (TN# 10-010); 40 (19-0003); 40a - 40d (TN# 19-0003); 41 - 42 (TN# 03-019); 43 (TN# 09-013); 44 - 53 (TN# 03-019)  
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• For 4.19-B, after page 37, add "(TN# 21-0019)"  
  
10/4/23: State authorizes P&I change to add details for box 15, initially submitted blank

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  - Licensed Physician, working as a Psychiatrist
  - Licensed Physician, working as a Child Psychiatrist
  - Licensed Psychologist
  - Licensed Registered Nurse, working as a Psychiatric Nurse
  - Licensed Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate)

Within the list of Mental Health Professionals above, the following definitions apply:

- "Psychiatrist" means a physician licensed by the state who has in addition completed four years of graduate training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Board and is certified or eligible to be certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.
- "Child psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician in this state, who has had graduate training in child psychiatry in a program approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association, and who is board eligible or board certified in child psychiatry.

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- “Psychiatric nurse” means a registered nurse who has a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and who has had, in addition, at least two years' experience in the direct treatment of mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons, such experience gained under the supervision of a Mental Health Professional. "Psychiatric nurse" also means any other registered nurse who has three years of such experience.
  - “Psychiatric advanced nurse practitioner” means person who is licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner according to state law; who is board-certified in advance practice psychiatric and mental health nursing.
- ii. **Licensed Practical Nurse**
- iii. **Nursing Assistant Registered/Certified**
- iv. **Medical Assistant - Certified**
- v. **Licensed Pharmacist**
- vi. **Licensed Osteopathic Physician Assistant**
- vii. **Licensed Registered Nurse**
- viii. **Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional**
- ix. **Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee**
- x. **Certified Peer Counselor** who has self-identified as in recovery from mental health conditions and or substance use disorders or is the parent or legal guardian of a person who has applied for, is eligible for, or has received mental health or substance use services; has received specialized training provided or contracted by the Health Care Authority; has passed a test, which includes both written and oral components of the training; has passed a Washington State background check; has been certified by the Health Care Authority and is working under an Agency Affiliated registration. Certified Peer Counselors work under the supervision of a Mental Health Professional or a Substance Use Disorder Professional.
- xi. **Mental Health Care Provider**, working under an Agency Affiliated Counselor Registration, who has primary responsibility for implementing an individualized plan for mental health rehabilitation services. Minimum qualifications are B.A. level in a related field, A.A. level with two years of experience in mental health or related fields
- xii. **Behavioral Health Specialist** is a Mental Health Professional who meets state requirements as:
- A “child mental health specialist”
  - A “geriatric mental health specialist”
  - An “ethnic minority mental health specialist”
  - A “disability mental health specialist”
  - A “co-occurring disorder specialist – enhancement”
- xiii. **Certified Gambling Counselor** is an individual that holds a state license as a Marriage and Family Therapist, a Marriage and Family Therapist Associate, A Mental Health Counselor, a mental Health Counselor Associate, a Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate), Psychologist or a state certification as a Substance Use Disorder Professional or Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee and also holds a state certification as a Certified Gambling Counselor.

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## 13. d. Rehabilitative services (cont)

**(b) Services:****i. Crisis Intervention**

Screening, evaluation, assessment, and clinical intervention are provided to all Medicaid enrolled persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis. A behavioral health crisis is defined as a significant change in behavior in which instability increases and/or risk of harm to self or others increases. The reasons for this change could be external or internal to the person. If the crisis is not addressed in a timely manner, it could lead to significant negative outcomes or harm to the person or others. Crisis intervention services are available on a 24-hour basis, 365 days a year. Crisis intervention services are intended to stabilize the person in crisis, prevent further deterioration, and provide immediate treatment and intervention, de-escalation, and coordination/referral efforts with health, social, and other services and supports as needed to affect symptom reduction, harm reduction, and/or to safely transition persons in acute crisis to the appropriate environment for continued stabilization. Crisis intervention should take place in a location best suited to meet the needs of the person and in the least restrictive environment available. Crisis intervention services may be provided prior to completion of an intake evaluation.

The following practitioners may furnish crisis intervention services within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP

**Additional Information:**

In order to claim increased FMAP for services using the 'community-based mobile crisis intervention services' model, the requirements described in section 1947(b) of the Act must be met, including providing services to persons outside of a hospital or other facility setting, through a multidisciplinary team, trained in trauma-informed care, de-escalation strategies, and harm reduction. The team must include, at a minimum, at least one individual who may conduct an assessment within their authorized scope of practice under state law and other professionals or paraprofessionals with appropriate expertise in behavioral health care.

**ii. Crisis Stabilization**

Services provided to Medicaid enrolled persons who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. This service includes follow-up after a crisis intervention. These services are to be provided in the person's own home or another home-like setting, or a setting which provides safety for the person and the Mental Health Professional. Crisis stabilization services may include short-term assistance with life skills training and understanding medication effects. It may also include providing services to the person's natural and community supports, as determined by a Mental Health Professional, for the benefit of supporting the person that experienced the crisis. Crisis stabilization services may be provided prior to an intake evaluation for behavioral health services. Crisis stabilization services may be provided by a team of professionals, as deemed appropriate and under the supervision of a Mental Health Professional.

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The following practitioners may furnish crisis stabilization services within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an MHP
- Substance Use Disorder Professional, under the supervision of an MHP

**iii. Intake evaluation, assessment, and screenings (Mental Health)**

This service is an evaluation of a person's behavioral health, along with their ability to function within a community, to establish the medical necessity for treatment, determine service needs, and formulate recommendations for treatment. Intake evaluations must be initiated prior to the provision of any other behavioral health services, except those specifically stated as being available prior to an intake. Services may begin before the completion of the intake once medical necessity is established.

Mental health intake evaluation, assessment, and screening services may be provided by a Mental Health Professional within their scope of practice as defined by state law. Psychological assessment and tests must be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.

**iv. Intake evaluation, assessment, and screenings (Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder)**

This service is a comprehensive evaluation of a person's behavioral health, along with their ability to function within a community, to determine current priority needs and formulate recommendations for treatment. The intake evaluation for substance use disorder includes a review of current intoxication and withdrawal potential; biomedical complications; emotional, behavioral, and/or cognitive complications; readiness to change; relapse potential; and recovery environment. Intake evaluations for problem gambling disorders include a biopsychosocial clinical assessment. Information from the intake is used to work with the person to develop an individualized service plan to address the identified issues.

Intake evaluations must be initiated prior to the provision of any other substance use or problem gambling disorder services. Services may begin before the completion of the intake once medical necessity is established.

Intake evaluations, assessments, and screenings may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee (SUDPT), under the supervision of a SUDP
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate

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- Licensed Osteopathic Physician
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Psychologists
- Licensed Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate)
- Persons with a Co-occurring Disorder Specialist-Enhancement, as described in 13.d.1(a) above

## Additional Information:

Assessments related to gambling disorders must be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed/certified practitioner, who holds a Certified Gambling Counselor Certification, as defined in state law.

**v. Medication Management**

Medication management is the prescribing and/or administering of psychiatric medications and reviewing of their side effects. This service may be provided in consultation with primary therapists, case managers, and/or natural supports, without the person present, but the service must be for the benefit of the person.

Medication management may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner/Psychiatric Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Medical Assistant – Certified
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Pharmacist
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician
- Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Registered Nurse

**vi. Medication Monitoring**

Medication monitoring is one-on-one cueing, observing, and encouraging a Medicaid enrolled person to take their psychiatric medications as prescribed. Also includes reporting back to persons licensed to perform medication management services for the direct benefit of the Medicaid enrolled person. This service is designed to facilitate medication compliance and positive outcomes.

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Medication monitoring may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an MHP
- Medical Assistant-Certified
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician Assistant
- Licensed Pharmacist
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Registered Nurse
- Nursing Assistant Registered/Certified

**vii. Mental Health Treatment Interventions**

Services delivered in a wide variety of settings that promote recovery using therapeutic techniques. These services are provided, as medically necessary, along a continuum from outpatient up through residential and inpatient levels of care, and include evaluation, stabilization, and treatment. Services provided in facility settings must have the appropriate state facility licensure.

Treatment services include the use of planned interventions to achieve and maintain maximum level of functioning for the person.

Treatment interventions include cognitive and behavioral interventions designed with the intent to stabilize the individual and return them to more independent and less restrictive treatment. Services are conducted with the person, their family, or others at their behest, for the direct benefit of the person. Services may include individual, family, and group therapy, as well as skill building/self-care necessary to maintain/restore functioning. Services may also include therapeutic psychoeducation, which focuses on assisting the individual and their identified supports in increasing knowledge of mental health and recovery, use and efficacy of medication, symptom reduction and management, effective problem solving, and emotional/behavioral regulation skills. Intensive or brief intervention treatment models may be utilized, as well as using a multi-disciplinary team-based approaches.

Mental health treatment interventions may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an MHP



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## Additional information:

Individual and Family treatment may take place without the person present, with their consent, as required by law. However, the service must be for the benefit of attaining the goals identified by the person in their individualized service plan.

**viii. Peer Support**

This service provides scheduled activities that promote wellness, recovery, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of community living skills. Services provided by certified peer counselors as noted in the individuals' Individualized Service Plan, or without an Individualized Service Plan when provided during/post crisis episode.

Certified Peer Counselors work with their peers (adults and youth) and the parents/caregiver of children receiving or who have received behavioral health services. They draw upon their experiences to help peers find hope and make progress toward recovery and wellness goals. Certified Peer Counselors model skills in recovery and self-management to help individuals meet their self-identified goals.

Certified Peer Counselors must provide peer counseling services under the supervision of an MHP or SUDP who understands recovery. The peer's and clinical supervisor's expertise should be aligned with the needs of the populations served by the Certified Peer Counselor.

**ix. Behavioral Health Care Coordination and Community Integration**

A range of activities furnished to engage persons in treatment and assist them in transitioning from a variety of inpatient, residential, or non-permanent settings back into the broader community. To be eligible, the person must need transition support services in order to ensure timely and appropriate behavioral health treatment and care coordination.

Activities include assessment for discharge or admission to community behavioral health care, integrated behavioral health treatment planning, resource identification and linkage, and collaborative development of individualized service planning that promote continuity of care. These specialized behavioral health community integration activities are intended to promote discharge, maximize the benefits of the transition plan, minimize the risk of unplanned readmission, and increase the community tenure for the person. Services focus on reducing the disabling symptoms of mental illness or substance use disorder and managing behaviors resulting from other medical or developmental conditions that jeopardize the person's ability to live in the community. Services are individualized interventions for the individual or collateral contacts for the benefit of the person and may include skill-building to develop skills promoting community tenure.

This service may be provided prior to an intake evaluation or assessment.

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## 13. d Rehabilitative services (cont)

Behavioral health care coordination and community integration services may be provided by the following practitioners:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an MHP or SUDP
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee, under the supervision of an SUDP
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Pharmacist
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Registered Nurse

**x. Substance Use Disorder Brief Intervention**

A time limited, structured behavioral intervention designed to address risk factors that appear to be related to substance use disorders, using substance use disorder screening tools and brief intervention techniques, such as evidence-based motivational interviewing and referral to additional treatment services options when indicated.

This service may be provided prior to an intake evaluation or assessment.

Substance use disorder brief intervention services may be provided by the following practitioners:

- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee under the supervision of an SUDP
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician
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## 13. d Rehabilitative services (cont)

**xi. Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder Treatment Interventions**

Services delivered in a wide variety of settings across the continuum that promote recovery, using therapeutic techniques. These services are provided, as medically necessary, along a continuum from outpatient up through residential and inpatient levels of care. Services provided in inpatient levels of care are provided in state-certified facilities.

Treatment interventions include intentional intervention in the health, behavioral health, and personal and/or family life of a person with a substance use or problem gambling disorder. Interventions are designed to facilitate the affected individual to achieve and maintain maximum functional recovery. Treatment interventions include individual treatment, group treatment, family counseling, intensive, and team-based approaches.

## Provider Qualification:

- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee under the supervision of the SUDP
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an SUDP
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
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## Additional information:

- Counseling services related to gambling disorders must be performed by a licensed/certified practitioner, who holds a Certified Gambling Counselor Certification, as defined in state law, or be performed by a licensed/certified practitioner under the supervision of a Certified Gambling Counselor Supervisor.
- Individual and Family treatment may take place without the person present, with their consent, as required by law. However, the service must be for the benefit of attaining the goals identified by the person in their individualized service plan.

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## 13. d Rehabilitative services (cont)

**xii. Substance Use Disorder Withdrawal Management**

Services required for the care and/or treatment of persons intoxicated or incapacitated by alcohol or other drugs that are provided during the initial period of care and treatment while the person recovers from the transitory effects of acute or chronic intoxication or withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs. Services are provided in state-certified facilities.

Services include:

- Screening of persons in need of withdrawal management; and
- The use of different counseling and treatment strategies, such as motivational interviewing and developing an initial service plan for persons admitted to a program. These services are used to refer, stimulate motivation to guide individuals to additional treatment, and sustain recovery.
- Different levels of withdrawal management are provided in a variety of settings, including residential, sub-acute and acute locations.

Substance Use Disorder withdrawal management services may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals Trainee under the supervision of an SUDP
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**c) Service Limitations**

Services outlined within this section that are provided within residential or inpatient settings do not include room and board costs. Services provided within an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) are not eligible for reimbursement.

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  - Licensed Agency Affiliated Counselor
  - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
  - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
  - Licensed Mental Health Counselor
  - Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate
  - Licensed Osteopathic Physician, working as a psychiatrist
  - Licensed Physician, working as a Psychiatrist
  - Licensed Physician Assistant working under the supervision of a Psychiatrist
  - Licensed Physician, working as a Child Psychiatrist
  - Licensed Psychologist
  - Licensed Registered Nurse, working as a Psychiatric Nurse
  - Licensed Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate)

Within the list of Mental Health Professionals above, the following definitions apply:

- "Psychiatrist" means a physician licensed by the state who has in addition completed four years of graduate training in psychiatry in a program approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Board and is certified or eligible to be certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or the American Osteopathic Board of Neurology and Psychiatry.
- "Child psychiatrist" means a person having a license as a physician in this state, who has had graduate training in child psychiatry in a program approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association, and who is board eligible or board certified in child psychiatry.
- "Psychiatric nurse" means a registered nurse who has a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and who has had, in addition, at least two years' experience in the direct treatment of mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons, such experience gained under the supervision of a Mental Health Professional. "Psychiatric nurse" also means any other registered nurse who has three years of such experience.

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- “Psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner” means a person who is licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner according to state law; who is board certified in advance practice psychiatric and mental health nursing.

**ii. Licensed Practical Nurse****iii. Nursing Assistant Registered/Certified****iv. Medical Assistant – Certified****v. Licensed Pharmacist****vi. Licensed Osteopathic Physician Assistant****vii. Licensed Registered Nurse****viii. Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional****ix.. Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee**

- x. Certified Peer Counselor** who has self-identified as in recovery from mental health conditions and or substance use disorders or is the parent or legal guardian of a person who has applied for, is eligible for, or has received mental health or substance use services; has received specialized training provided or contracted by the Health Care Authority; has passed a test, which includes both written and oral components of the training; has passed a Washington State background check; has been certified by the Health Care Authority and is working under an Agency Affiliated registration. Certified Peer Counselors work under the supervision of a Mental Health Professional or a Substance Use Disorder Professional.

- xi. Mental Health Care Provider**, working under an Agency Affiliated Counselor Registration, who has primary responsibility for implementing an individualized plan for mental health rehabilitation services. Minimum qualifications are B.A.-level in a related field or A.A.-level with two years of experience in mental health or related fields

- xii. Behavioral health Specialist** is an individual that hold a state-credential from the list above and meets state requirements as:

- A "child mental health specialist"
- A "geriatric mental health specialist"
- An "ethnic minority mental health specialist"
- A "disability mental health specialist"
- A "Certified problem gambling counselor specialist "
- A "Co-Occurring Disorder Specialist-Enhancement"

- xiii. Certified Gambling Counselor** is an individual who holds a state license as a Marriage and Family Therapist, a Marriage and Family Therapist Associate, A Mental Health Counselor, a mental Health Counselor Associate, a Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate), Psychologist or a state certification as a Substance Use Disorder Professional or Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee and also holds a state certification as a Certified Gambling Counselor.

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**(b) Services****i. Crisis Intervention**

Evaluation, assessment, and clinical intervention are provided to all Medicaid enrolled persons experiencing a behavioral health crisis. A behavioral health crisis is defined as a significant change in behavior in which instability increases, and/or risk of harm to self or others increases. The reasons for this change could be external or internal to the person. If the crisis is not addressed in a timely manner, it could lead to significant negative outcomes or harm to the person or others. Crisis services are available on a 24-hour basis. Crisis intervention services are intended to stabilize the person in crisis, prevent further deterioration, and provide immediate treatment and intervention, de-escalation, and coordination/referral efforts with health, social, and other services and supports as needed to effect symptom reduction, harm reduction, and/or to safely transition persons in acute crisis to the appropriate environment for continued stabilization. Crisis intervention should take place in a location best suited to meet the needs of the person and in the least restrictive environment available. Crisis intervention services may be provided prior to completion of an intake evaluation.

The following practitioners may furnish crisis intervention services within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP

**Additional Information:**

In order to claim increased FMAP for services using the 'community-based mobile crisis intervention services' model, the requirements described in section 1947(b) of the Act must be met, including providing services to persons outside of a hospital or other facility setting through a multidisciplinary team, trained in trauma-informed care, de-escalation strategies, and harm reduction. The team must include, at a minimum, at least one individual who may conduct an assessment within their authorized scope of practice under state law and other professionals or paraprofessionals with appropriate expertise in behavioral health care.

**ii. Crisis Stabilization**

Services provided to Medicaid enrolled persons who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. This service includes follow-up after a crisis intervention. These services are to be provided in the person's own home or another home-like setting, or a setting which provides safety for the person and the Mental Health Professional. Crisis stabilization services may include short-term assistance with life skills training and understanding medication effects. It may also include providing services to the person's natural and community supports, as determined by a Mental Health Professional, for the benefit of supporting the person who experienced the crisis. Stabilization services may be provided prior to an intake evaluation for behavioral health services. Stabilization services may be provided by a team of professionals, as deemed appropriate and under the supervision of a Mental Health Professional.

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The following practitioners may furnish crisis stabilization services within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an MHP
- Substance Use Disorder Professional, under the supervision of an MHP

**iii. Intake evaluation, assessment, and screenings (Mental Health)**

This service is an evaluation of a person's behavioral health, along with their ability to function within a community, to establish the medical necessity for treatment, determine service needs, and formulate recommendations for treatment. Intake evaluations must be initiated prior to the provision of any other behavioral health services, except those specifically stated as being available prior to an intake. Services may begin before the completion of the intake once medical necessity is established.

Mental health intake evaluation, assessment, and screening services may be provided by a Mental Health Professional within their scope of practice as defined by state law. Psychological assessment and tests must be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist.

**iv. Intake evaluation, assessment, and screenings (Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder)**

This service is a comprehensive evaluation of a person's behavioral health, along with their ability to function within a community, to determine current priority needs and formulate recommendations for treatment. The intake evaluation for substance use disorder includes a review of current intoxication and withdrawal potential, biomedical complications, emotional, behavioral, cognitive complications, readiness to change, relapse potential, and recovery environment. Intake evaluations for problem gambling disorders includes a biopsychosocial clinical assessment. Information from the intake is used to work with the person to develop an individualized service plan to address the identified issues.

Intake evaluations must be initiated prior to the provision of any other substance use or problem gambling disorder services. Services may begin before the completion of the intake once medical necessity is established.

Intake evaluations, assessments, and screenings may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

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- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee (SUDPT), under the supervision of an SUDP
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner Nurse
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Psychologists
- Licensed Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate)
- Persons with a Co-occurring Disorder Specialist-Enhancement, as described in 13.d.1(a) above

**Additional Information**

Assessments related to gambling disorders must be performed by or under the supervision of a licensed/certified practitioner, who holds a Certified Gambling Counselor Certification, as defined in state law.

**v. Medication Management**

Medication management is the prescribing and/or administering of psychiatric medications and reviewing of their side effects. This service may be provided in consultation with primary therapists, case managers, and/or natural supports, without the person present, but the service must be for the benefit of the person.

Medication management may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner/Psychiatric Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Medical Assistant – Certified
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Pharmacist
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician
- Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Registered Nurse



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**vi. Medication Monitoring**

Medication monitoring is one-on-one cueing, observing, and encouraging a Medicaid enrolled person to take their psychiatric medications as prescribed. Also includes reporting back to persons licensed to perform medication management services for the direct benefit of the Medicaid enrolled person. This service is designed to facilitate medication compliance and positive outcomes.

Medication monitoring may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an MHP
- Medical Assistant-Certified
- Licensed Nursing Assistant Registered/Certified
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician Assistant
- Licensed Pharmacist
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Registered Nurse

**vii. Mental Health Treatment Interventions**

Services delivered in a wide variety of settings that promote recovery, using therapeutic techniques. These services are provided, as medically necessary, along a continuum from outpatient up through residential and inpatient levels of care and include evaluation, stabilization, and treatment. Services provided in facility settings must have the appropriate state facility licensure.

Treatment services include the use of planned interventions to achieve and maintain maximum level of functioning for the person.

Treatment interventions include cognitive and behavioral interventions designed with the intent to stabilize the individual and return them to more independent and less restrictive treatment. Services are conducted with the person, their family, or others at their behest, for the direct benefit of the person. Services may include individual, family, and group therapy, as well as skill building/self-care necessary to maintain/restore functioning. Services may also include therapeutic psychoeducation, which focuses on assisting the individual and their identified supports in increasing knowledge of mental health and recovery, use and efficacy of medication, symptom reduction and management, effective problem solving, and emotional/behavioral regulation skills. Intensive or brief intervention treatment models may be utilized, as well as using a multi-disciplinary team-based approach.

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Mental health treatment interventions may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an MHP

**Additional Information**

Individual and Family treatment may take place without the person present, with their consent, as required by law. However, the service must be for the benefit of attaining the goals identified by the person in their individualized service plan.

**viii. Peer Support**

This service provides scheduled activities that promote wellness, recovery, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of community living skills. Services provided by Certified Peer Counselors as noted in the individuals' Individualized Service Plan, or without an Individualized Service Plan when provided during/post crisis episode.

Certified Peer Counselors work with their peers (adults and youth) and the parents/caregiver of children receiving or who have received behavioral health services. They draw upon their experiences to help peers find hope and make progress toward recovery and wellness goals. Certified Peer Counselors model skills in recovery and self-management to help individuals meet their self-identified goals.

Certified Peer Counselors must provide peer counseling services under the supervision of a MHP or SUDP who understands recovery. The peer's and clinical supervisor's expertise should be aligned with the needs of the populations served by the Certified Peer Counselor.

**ix. Behavioral Health Care Coordination and Community Integration**

A range of activities furnished to engage persons in treatment and assist them in transitioning from a variety of inpatient, residential, or non-permanent settings back into the broader community. To be eligible, the person must need transition support services in order to ensure timely and appropriate behavioral health treatment and care coordination.

Activities include assessment for discharge or admission to community behavioral health care, integrated behavioral health treatment planning, resource identification and linkage, and collaborative development of individualized service planning that promote continuity of care. These specialized behavioral health community integration activities are intended to promote discharge, maximize the benefits of the transition plan, minimize the risk of unplanned readmission, and increase the community tenure for the person. Services focus on reducing the disabling symptoms of mental illness or substance use disorder and managing behaviors resulting from other medical or developmental conditions that jeopardize the person's ability to live in the community. Services are individualized interventions for the individual or collateral contacts for the benefit of the person and may include skill-building to develop skills promoting community tenure.

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This service may be provided prior to an intake evaluation or assessment.

Behavioral health care coordination and community integration services may be provided by the following practitioners:

- Mental Health Professional (MHP)
- Mental Health Care Provider, under the supervision of an MHP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an MHP or SUDP
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee, under the supervision of an SUDP
- Licensed Pharmacist
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Licensed Registered Nurse

**x. Substance Use Disorder Brief Intervention**

A time limited, structured behavioral intervention designed to address risk factors that appear to be related to substance use disorders, using substance use disorder screening tools and brief intervention techniques, such as evidence-based motivational interviewing and referral to additional treatment services options when indicated.

This service may be provided prior to an intake evaluation or assessment.

Substance use disorder brief intervention services may be provided by the following practitioners:

- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee under the supervision of an SUDP
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Psychologists
- Licensed Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate)
- Persons with a Co-occurring Disorder Specialist-Enhancement, as described in 13.d.1(a) above

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**xi. Substance Use or Problem Gambling Disorder Treatment Interventions**

Services delivered in a wide variety of settings across the continuum that promote recovery, using therapeutic techniques. These services are provided, as medically necessary, along a continuum from outpatient up through residential and inpatient levels of care. Services provided in inpatient levels of care are provided in state certified facilities.

Treatment interventions include intentional intervention in the health, behavioral health, and personal and/or family life of a person with a substance use or problem gambling disorder. Interventions are designed to facilitate the affected individual to achieve and maintain maximum functional recovery. Treatment interventions include individual treatment, group treatment, family counseling, intensive and team-based approaches.

## Provider Qualifications:

- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professional Trainee under the supervision of the SUDP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an SUDP
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Psychologist
- Licensed Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate)
- Persons with a Co-occurring Disorder Specialist-Enhancement, as described in 13.d.1(a) above

## Additional Information:

- Counseling services related to gambling disorders must be performed by a licensed/certified practitioner, who holds a Certified Gambling Counselor Certification, as defined in state law, or be performed by a licensed/certified practitioner under the supervision of a Certified Gambling Counselor Supervisor.
- Individual and Family treatment may take place without the person present, with their consent, as required by law. However, the service must be for the benefit of attaining the goals identified by the person in their individualized service plan.

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**xii. Substance Use Disorder Withdrawal Management**

Services required for the care and/or treatment of persons intoxicated or incapacitated by alcohol or other drugs that are provided during the initial period of care and treatment while the person recovers from the transitory effects of acute or chronic intoxication or withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs. Services are provided in state certified facilities.

Services include:

- Screening of persons in need of withdrawal management; and
- The use of different counseling and treatment strategies, such as motivational interviewing and developing an initial service plan for persons admitted to a program. These services are used to refer, stimulate motivation to guide individuals to additional treatment, and sustain recovery.
- Different levels of withdrawal management are provided in a variety of settings, including residential, sub-acute and acute locations.

Substance Use Disorder withdrawal management services may be provided by the following practitioners within their scope of practice as defined by state law:

- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals (SUDP)
- Certified Substance Use Disorder Professionals Trainee under the supervision of an SUDP
- Certified Peer Counselor, under the supervision of an SUDP
- Licensed Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner/Psychiatric Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate
- Medical Assistant
- Nursing assistant registered/certified
- Licensed Osteopathic Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Physician Assistant
- Licensed Physician/Psychiatrist
- Licensed Psychologists
- Licensed Registered Nurse
- Licensed Social Worker (Advanced, Independent Clinical, or Associate)
- Persons with a Co-occurring Disorder Specialist-Enhancement, as described in 13.d.1(a) above

**d) Service Limitations**

Services outlined within this section that are provided within residential or inpatient settings do not include room and board costs. Services provided within an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) are not eligible for reimbursement.

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The circumstances in which the Medicaid agency will reimburse eligible behavioral health providers under the fee-for-service system are when a Medicaid population is not eligible or elects to be served through managed care (1932 or 1915(b) authorities); or when a contract between the state and a managed care entity that had provided behavioral health services is discontinued. Mental health fee-for-service rates are developed using the methodology below.

When possible, rates are developed using the RBRVS methodology. Rates are established and updated using the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) methodology as adopted in the Medicare Fee Schedule Data Base (MFSDDB). In this methodology, the State uses CMS-established relative value units (RVU) multiplied by the Geographic Practice Cost Indices (GPCI) and the conversion factors, both of which are specific to Washington. Current conversion factors and descriptions are found in Supplement 3 to Attachment 4.19-B. When providers serve an individual who meets medical necessity for specialized mental health services based on statewide access standards, the provider will receive an enhanced rate. To increase availability of behavioral health service and incentivize adoption of the primary care behavioral health model, the legislature may increase rates for certain codes. These increases will be a percentage increase to the RBRVS methodology as described above.

If Medicare does not cover a particular approved State Plan service, and thus no RVU exists, codes are reimbursed using a flat fee based upon market value, service rate schedules from other states, budget impacts, historical pricing, and/or comparable services.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers of these services. See 4.19-B, I, General, #G for the agency's website where the fee schedules are published.