

## **Changes effective with Smart Care 7/1/2023 for the following SUD program types:**

### **Recovery Support**

#### **Perinatal and Parenting (3.1, 3.3 and 3.5 Level of Care)**

#### **SUD Adult or Child Residential (3.1, 3.3 and 3.5 Level of Care)**

Due to recent changes in Medi-Cal eligibility for pregnant/perinatal individuals and removal of DMC—ODS residential length of stay limitations and the forthcoming implementation of the SmartCare billing system, **effective July 1, 2023**, Alameda County Behavioral Health (ACBH) will be disabling and/ or consolidating substance use disorder (SUD) programs as appropriate. This initiative is intended to reduce provider administrative burden and streamline workflow processes. As SmartCare functionality continues to develop, additional efficiencies will be prioritized to ensure providers are able to focus on service delivery. Note that in SmartCare, and in this document, InSyst reporting units (RUs) are called programs.

#### Recovery Services (RS)

Effective 6/30/23, all recovery services RUs will be disabled. Procedure codes that allow for claiming of recovery services will be provided for all SUD levels of care (LOC), including residential. Please refer to the forthcoming ACBH SUD SmartCare Procedure Code Table for information on procedure codes for recovery services.

#### Perinatal Residential Programs (ASAM LOCs 3.1, 3.3 and 3.5)

Medi-Cal requires counties to report several data points for services provided to pregnant beneficiaries. Due to these data reporting requirements, ACBH has elected to maintain distinct perinatal programs at each agency's DMC-certified site. However, all perinatal ASAM LOCs will be condensed into one SmartCare program, rather than separate RUs for each ASAM LOC, 3.1., 3.3, and 3.5.

Providers should note that California has extended Medi-Cal coverage for eligible pregnant individuals from 60 days postpartum to 365 days (12 months) postpartum.

#### Parenting Residential Programs (ASAM LOCs 3.1, 3.3, and 3.5)

Parenting residential programs are designed for parents who are accompanied by their dependent minor children and who meet medical necessity for SUD residential services. Parenting Residential services are not designed for beneficiaries who are pregnant or who are considered perinatal. Due to DHCS BHIN 21-021 altering limitations on length of stay for parenting residential programs and the removal of the number of residential episodes per year, ACBH parenting RUs will no longer be required and will be disabled after July 1, 2023. Providers may claim all medically necessary and ACBH authorized residential services to DMC-ODS.





### Parenting Non-DMC Residential Programs

When needed, ACBH provides coverage for parents with dependent minor children (in their care) who meet medical necessity for SUD residential services, but are not eligible for Medi-Cal. Existing Non-DMC Parenting RUs will be condensed into one program per agency and will be tracked under the agencies existing DMC-certified site.

### SUD Adult Residential (3.1, 3.3 and 3.5 Level of Care)

At each agency's DMC-certified site, adult SUD residential ASAM LOCs will be condensed into one SmartCare program, rather than separate RUs for each ASAM LOC, 3.1., 3.3, and 3.5.

For example:

Through 6/30/2023:

InSyst RU# 01QIM0 (CURA 3.1 RES FREMONT ADULT)

InSyst RU# 01QIQ0 (CURA 3.5 RES FREMONT ADULT)

Effective 7/01/2023:

SmartCare Program: CURA RESIDENTIAL FREMONT ADULT

Usage of SmartCare Procedure Codes

ACBH SUD SmartCare Procedure Code Table (effective 7/1/23) will be released in the coming weeks. Each ASAM LOC will continue to have distinct procedure codes. Providers must take care to use only procedure codes for the LOC authorized by ACBH Utilization Management. Using procedure codes from unauthorized LOCs will result in billing errors.

The ACBH UM Department will monitor the correct usage of LOC procedure codes during their initial authorization process and via a SmartCare version of the current InSyst 619 report, during the clients' stay in the program.

### Documentation and Clinician's Gateway Integration

SUD residential providers will continue to enter services into Clinician's Gateway. Activities that are included in the residential bundle of services are required to be documented in the daily note.

Residential services not included in the daily bundle will require separate billing. Please refer to forthcoming guidance from the ACBH Quality Assurance Department for specific information about the changes to documentation of residential services after 7/1/23.

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