



Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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Chemical Dependency and Licensed Addition Counselor Providers

Clarification for Outpatient Treatment Providers

The Department made changes to the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) in February 2021 for substance use disorder (SUD) state approval with the intent to distinguish between outpatient treatment providers and SUD treatment facilities.

Licensed Addictions Counselors (LACs) in private practice may only be state approved as an outpatient treatment provider under [ARM 37.27.107](#).

Individual LACs who are state approved as outpatient treatment providers can only be reimbursed for SUD outpatient (OP) therapy using appropriate common procedural terminology (CPT) codes.

Refer to the [SUD Outpatient \(OP\) Therapy \(ASAM 1.0\) policy](#) in the [BHDD Medicaid Services Provider Manual](#).

Only SUD treatment facilities staffed with the appropriate professionals from multiple disciplines can offer other SUD treatment services (ASAM 2.1 and above), as described in the [BHDD Medicaid Services Provider Manual](#).

Contact and Website Information

If you have questions, please contact:

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For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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