

Medicaid eligibility and PIHP assignment

- Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) governs AAPS and Medicaid funded substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services
- Kansas has a 1915(b)(c) waiver governing our PIHP and allowing for Medicaid to reimburse for residential treatment (intermediate and reintegration) for those that are assigned to the PIHP
- All PIHP assignments are prospective and made at the beginning of each month, while Medicaid eligibility can be retrospective
- PIHP assignment is required in order to be paid with Medicaid dollars by VO
- Medicaid PIHP assignments are divided into 3 groups:
 - Group 1 = these are the majority of people with Medicaid and all SUD Medicaid services are covered and paid for by VO for this group
 - Group 2 = there are a very small number of these people in our state; they typically have a “spend down” or “patient liability” before they can become Medicaid eligible and PIHP assigned. Some further details for this group:

Prior to Meeting Spend Down/Patient Liability:

- Until they meet their spend down/patient liability they are not Medicaid eligible and therefore only AAPS funds could be used to pay for their treatment services during this time if they are eligible (KS residents at 200% of FPG).
 - Important to realize is that these AAPS funds MAY NOT be applied to this member’s spend down – federal dollars may not be used to help meet spend down requirements so...
 - As a provider you can **EITHER** bill and receive AAPS funds payment from VO for these members thereby prolonging their time with no Medicaid benefits, **OR** you can bill the member for the SUD services you are providing applying these bills to their spend down thereby helping them become Medicaid eligible

After Meeting Spend Down/Patient Liability:

- As soon as this member meets spend down requirements, they are Medicaid eligible. If this occurs mid-month, due to PIHP assignment being prospective only they will not be PIHP assigned until the beginning of the next month. Therefore during this in-between period, they are only eligible to receive OP

SUD services. These services are payable by the MMIS fiscal agent, HP until this member is PIHP assigned at the beginning of the next month.

- Important to understand is that these members are not eligible for Medicaid reimbursed residential services until they are PIHP assigned. If eligible, AAPS funds may pay for these services until this person is Medicaid eligible in which case, these services are payable by VO.
- Group 3 = this group is even smaller than group 2. Members in this group are usually transferring from an institutional level of care in the middle of the month (i.e. PRTF). Since PIHP assignments are prospective, members may be group 3 for a partial month until the beginning of the next month when they may be assigned to group 1 or 2.
 - Only OP services are covered by Medicaid until member is assigned to Group 1 or 2 at the beginning of the next month if applicable. These services are paid for by the MMIS fiscal agent; HP.
 - If a member receives residential services those services may be reimbursed by AAPS funds if the member is eligible and provider has AAPS funding for this residential modality
- Use KMAP (<https://www.kmap-state-ks.us/provider/security/logon.asp>) to check for eligibility and other status referred to below (i.e. amount left before meeting spend down requirements) for all Medicaid members
- Level of care changes are made by local SRS case workers. Sometimes a member's level of care may be incorrect (due to timing of discharge from an institution or timing of local case worker completing an 2126 form to change level of care) and you may need to help a member contact their SRS case worker and request they change the member's level of care
- MediKan – this is a state funded assistance program and is excluded from the PIHP – MediKan pays for no community based substance abuse treatment services

This document is intended to help providers understand some of the nuances of Medicaid funding for substance use disorder services. It is not comprehensive but rather provides a general overview of situations you would be likely to encounter as a substance use disorder service provider. If you have questions about this, please contact Addiction & Prevention Services (AAPS) Medicaid Coordinator, Kim Brown 785-296-6754 or kim.brown@srs.ks.gov.