

**Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida, Ryan White Title II
Substance Abuse Policy**

Effective: 4/1/2006

The Ryan White CARE Act defines the Mental Health budget line items as follows:

Substance Abuse Services Outpatient: The provision of medical or other treatment and/or counseling to address substance abuse problems (i.e., alcohol and/or legal and illegal drugs) provided in an outpatient setting rendered by a physician or under the supervision of a physician, or by other qualified personnel.

Substance Abuse Services Residential: The provision of treatment to address substance abuse issues (including alcohol, legal and illegal drugs), problems provided in an inpatient health services setting rendered (short term).

May Include:

- ◆ Pre-treatment program of recovery readiness.
- ◆ Harm reduction.
- ◆ Mental health counseling to reduce depression, anxiety, and other disorders associated with substance abuse.
- ◆ Outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling.
- ◆ Methadone treatment.

Additional Information (Outpatient):

May Include:

- ◆ Neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals
- ◆ Relapse prevention (97-02.15).

Limitations (Outpatient):

- ◆ Does not include services related to syringe exchange programs. (97-02.15).

Additional Information: (Residential):

- ◆ May include detoxification if provided in a non-hospital separately licensed setting or a separately licensed detoxification facility within the walls of a hospital. (97-02.15)

Limitations (Residential):

- ◆ If the residential treatment service is in a facility that primarily provides inpatient medical of psychiatric care, the component providing the drug and/or alcohol treatment must be separately licenses for that purpose. (97-02.15).

The Southwest Florida Regional HIV/AIDS Council (RHAC) policy is that eligible clients may access up to one 28-day inpatient stay, eight (8) visits for substance abuse therapy and/or ten (10) group therapy sessions. A fee schedule does apply. All visits must have an authorization prior to being paid. Approval for authorization is contingent on the appropriate documentation and available funding.

Documentation: To obtain an authorization for payment for a substance abuse service, a completed authorization request must be submitted to HPC along with a statement (for example an email, letter, or script) from the primary care provider verifying the service is necessary and directly related to client's adherence and HIV treatment.

I, (print client name) _____, have read and understand the above policy. I understand my responsibilities to seek other sources of reimbursement or coverage, and seek reimbursement back to the RWII program where applicable. I understand I must be compliant with the requirements for assistance outlined above or I risk being ineligible for further assistance.

Client Signature: _____

Date: _____

Case Manager: _____

Date: _____