



# NETWORK *Notification*

**Notice Date:** February 28, 2023  
**To:** Indiana Medicaid Behavioral Health Providers  
**From:** CareSource  
**Subject:** SUD Residential Treatment  
**Effective Date:** February 1, 2018

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## Summary

CareSource offers a benefit for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Residential treatment for Hoosier Healthwise (HHW) and Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) members. This benefit was added as part of the 1115 SUD Waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), effective Feb. 1, 2018.

## Impact

CareSource would like to remind our Behavioral Health providers of our coverage of short-term, low-intensity, and high-intensity residential treatment for SUD and prior authorization (PA) requirements.

**PA is required for all residential SUD stays.** Admission criteria for residential stays for Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) or other SUD treatment is based on the following American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Patient Placement Criteria:

- ASAM Level 3.1 – Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Services
- ASAM Level 3.5 – Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Services

When residential services are determined medically necessary for a member, **CareSource may approve a minimum of 14 days for residential treatment, unless the facility requests fewer than 14 days.** If a facility determines that a member requires more time than the initial 14 days, the facility should submit a PA update request showing that the member

- is making progress but has not met all of their treatment plan objectives,
- has not made progress but is actively working towards completing their treatment plan objectives and has the ability to make progress,
- or there is a new problem.

The current level of care is the least restrictive setting to allow the member to make progress or address the new problems. An additional length of stay can be approved based on documentation of medical necessity.

**Questions?**

For any questions, please contact CareSource's Provider Services at **1-844-607-2831** Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). Also, providers can email questions directly to the Behavioral Health Clinical mailbox at [Indiana\\_BH@CareSource.com](mailto:Indiana_BH@CareSource.com).

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