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**Guidance Document for 1115 Substance Use Disorder Providers
Treatment for Clients Ages 18 to 21 in Adolescent Programming**

Background

The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) 1115 SUD service ASAM Level 3.5 Clinically Managed Residential Services has two categories:

- ASAM Level 3.5 Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Services Adult
 - Reported using procedure code H0047 TG, V1
 - For clients aged 18 years and over
- ASAM Level 3.5 Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential Services Adolescents
 - Reported using procedure code H0047 HA, V1, TF
 - For clients aged 12 through 17 years

DBH acknowledges some clients between the ages of 18 and 21 may be best served in a Level 3.5 Adolescent setting.

Purpose

The following information is intended to provide guidance for reporting services for clients **between the ages of 18 and 21** receiving Level 3.5 services in an adolescent program.

Guidance

Providers may serve clients aged between 18 (18 years, 0 days) and 21 (20 years, 364 days) in a Level 3.5 treatment program provided the following criteria are met:

- Provision of services in the adolescent program is medically necessary
- Is in accordance with an individualized treatment plan
- The individualized treatment plan demonstrates clinical justification as to why the client is best served in adolescent programming

Providers must submit and a licensing variance application and receive approval for the variance prior admitting a client aged between 18 (18 years, 0 days) and 21 (20 years, 364 days) into an adolescent

treatment program. Variance requests are processed by the Residential Licensing Unit at the Division of Health Care Services.

A copy of the Residential Licensing General Variance Application is included with this notice.

To report ASAM Level 3.5 Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential Services provided to a client between the ages of 18 and 21 in an adolescent program:

- Use procedure code H0047 CG, V1, HA, TF

Providers may not report procedure code H0047 CG, V1, HA, TF for clients between the ages of 18 and 21 in the absence of medical necessity and clinical justification for the services. Providers should instead report the appropriate procedure code for ASAM Level 3.5 Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential Services Adult

All other provisions for providing Level 3.5 services described in the Alaska Behavioral Health Provider Service Standards & Administrative Procedures for SUD Provider Services remain in effect.

The allowance for this configuration will be retroactively allowed to May 21, 2020. Providers who rendered services to a client between the ages of 18 and 21 in an adolescent program during that time should contact MPASS for assistance in reprocessing impacted claims. Requirements for clinical documentation as indicated above must be in the clinical record for all services being reprocessed.

Incorrect billing may result in overpayments and could lead to provider recoupment actions as well as the imposition of sanctions in accordance with 7 AAC 105.400 – 7 AA 105.490.

Questions regarding this guidance may be directed to mpassunit@alaska.gov. In the Subject Line please note: Level 3.5 Adolescent Treatment