

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ELIGIBILITY
PLAN #: 06-05-002-S**

Eligibility for services under funding sources through Northern Michigan Regional Entity are described below.

Access

Screening is a function provided by the NMRE Access Center along with Care Coordination offered by the NMRE SUD Care Managers. Services shall be provided in the amount and for the duration and with the scope that is appropriate to reasonably achieve the desired treatment outcome. Level of care is determined by ASAM Placement Criteria used by the NMRE Access Center.

Seeking Assessment	Client may contact an outpatient provider directly.
Outpatient	Client may contact an outpatient provider directly.
Sub-Acute Detoxification	Client may contact a sub-acute detoxification provider directly.
Short-Term Residential	Client should call the NMRE Access Center for screening.
Long-Term Residential	Client should call the NMRE Access Center for screening.
Medication Assisted Treatment	Client should call the NMRE Access Center for screening.

Clinical Need

The standard for determining need for service is medical necessity. Medical necessity is defined as services furnished in accordance with the goals of service and including services in sufficient amounts, duration and scope to enable members to function at the highest possible level in the least restrictive environment given the severity of the disorder. For children under 18, medical necessity also refers to providing services that contributes to developmental progress as individually appropriate. Funds can only be accessed for intensive services if the screening demonstrates a need for such services. Clients must meet DSM-IV diagnostic criteria and ASAM PPC-2R criteria for the level of care requesting.

Medicaid – Providers of Medicaid-covered services must accept clients referred by the NMRE Access Center or the NMRE SUD Care Managers and render medically necessary services which the provider is qualified by law to render, customarily provides and has the capacity to provide.

Residency

Community Block Grant	Residing in, around or homeless within the twenty one counties within the NMRE region. See NMRE Residency Policy.
Medicaid	Has Medicaid through a county within the twenty one county NMRE region.
Healthy Michigan Plan	Has Healthy Michigan through a county within the twenty one county NMRE region.
MIChild	Has MIChild through a county within the twenty one county NMRE region.
SDA	N/A

Income

Community Block Grant	Financial eligibility. See NMRE Fee Policy.
Medicaid	NMRE does not have income eligibility guidelines for clients with Medicaid insurance. Any client with Medicaid is eligible for NMRE Substance Use Disorder treatment services. Medicaid financial eligibility is determined through Department of Human Services (DHS).
Healthy Michigan Plan	NMRE does not have income eligibility guidelines for clients with Healthy Michigan insurance. Any client with Healthy Michigan is eligible for NMRE Substance Use Disorder treatment services. Healthy Michigan financial eligibility is determined through Department of Human Services (DHS)
MiChild	NMRE does not have income eligibility guidelines for clients with MiChild insurance. Any client with MiChild is eligible for NMRE Substance Use Disorder treatment services. MiChild financial eligibility is determined through Department of Human Services (DHS)
SDA	SDA eligibility is determined through Department of Human Services (DHS)

Verification

To receive substance use disorder treatment funding through Medicaid, the Healthy Michigan Plan or MiChild verification of enrollment is required as well as demonstrated “medical necessity” for the services provided. Verification of enrollment should occur prior to a provider billing for services to ensure accuracy and at the screening by the NMRE Access Center.

Community Block Grant	Income verification is required in the form of proof of income or a client written, signed statement indicating why there is no proof of income.
Medicaid	Enrollment and county of residence should be verified for any service.
Healthy Michigan Plan	Enrollment and county of residence should be verified for any service
MiChild	Enrollment is verified through a State of Michigan database
SDA	Verification is in the form of proof of a letter stating to the client.

Benefit Limit

Sub-Acute Detoxification	There is a limit of two sub-acute detoxifications within a twelve month period from the first sub-acute detoxification admission date.
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Additional Eligibility Requirements and Limitations

Residential and Sub-Acute Detoxification Services – The final day of treatment services is not a reimbursable service.

Education – NMRE recognizes that education is a large and important part of treatment. Services that are exclusively educational in nature are not covered through NMRE funding. For instance, Alcohol Highway Safety would not be covered.

Drunk Driving/Court-Ordered Assessments – Any funding NMRE offers does not permit DDA’s or assessments performed solely for the purpose of providing information to a court system.

Driver's License Reinstatement Evaluations – Assessment solely for the purpose of a reinstatement of a driver's license is not a covered service under NMRE funding.

Non-Substance Use Disorder Addictions – Eating disorders, gambling and other addictions that are not substance use disorders are not able to be funded through NMRE SUD services due to Medicaid, Healthy Michigan and Community Block Grant funding requirements.

Transportation – Transportation to and from SUD treatment is not a funded service unless the client meets the requirements for Women and Families and is attending a provider offering these specialized services.

Medicare/Medicaid – Medicare is the primary funding source. If a client has Medicare, services must be provided by a Medicare approved provider. If a Medicare approved provider is not available, services may be authorized using Community Block Grant funding.

Medication Therapy & Management - While medication therapy is recognized as a potentially valuable treatment adjunct for certain clients, it is not a covered service. Medicaid recipients may be able to obtain medication and/ or medication management services under their medical benefit; however, they cannot access these through NMRE. Note: The only exception to this may be if a client is part of a Methadone Maintenance program or other NMRE approved opiate treatment.

Actively Resistant/ Hostile Clients - Resistance is part of the treatment process, and it is not expected that clients express total commitment to treatment and recovery. Motivation in some form, however, must be present. For instance, a potential client may not want to quit drinking, but she may be motivated by a desire to avoid the consequences of being arrested for a second driving under the influence charge; this is sufficient motivation for her to be eligible for Block Grant funded services. External motivators, such as the court system, are acceptable as long as the client is open to working on a problem caused or exacerbated by alcohol / drugs. Note that this only applies to adults. Adolescents who clearly demonstrate a need for services but do not see value in receiving them are nevertheless eligible for Block Grant funding. This should not be construed as superseding the client right to refuse services and to be told of the consequences for refusal.

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