

## Division Criteria for the Certification of Programs per NAC 458

### Utilization Management Criteria for Treatment Programs:

Division Criteria adopts ASAM 6 Dimensional Assessment to determine recommendations for initial level of care placement. Division Criteria adopts ASAM Continued Service Criteria, Transfer Criteria and Discharge Criteria for utilization review for ASAM levels of service, non-ASAM or modified-ASAM levels of service and endorsed levels of service, excluding Transitional Housing.

### Criteria for Treatment Levels of Service:

Division Criteria adopts The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria: Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-Occurring Conditions (Third Edition, 2013) for the specific program descriptions for the ASAM specific levels of service. The Providers will be required to have policy & procedures (P&P) / program descriptions for each level offered and these will be noted in the P&P section of the certification report.

- **Level 3.5 Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential (Adolescent)**
  - In addition to the description in ASAM, Clinically managed medium intensity residential includes **no less than 25 hours per week of structured interventions**. A minimum of 7 hours of structured activities must be provided on each day. A minimum of 10 hours of clinical counseling services must be provided each week. Types of therapies are noted within ASAM Level 3.5 services.
- **Level 3.5 Clinically Managed High-Intensity Residential (Adult)**
  - In addition to the description in ASAM, Clinically managed high intensity residential includes **no less than 25 hours per week of structured interventions**. A minimum of 7 hours of structured activities must be provided on each day. A minimum of 10 hours of clinical counseling services must be provided each week. Types of therapies are noted within ASAM Level 3.5 services.
- **Withdrawal Management for Level 3.2 WM and Level 3.7 WM only**
  - Required Services in addition to ASAM:
    - During intake, a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) and/or urine screen will be administered.
    - The person's vital signs must be monitored at least once every 2 hours during the person's waking hours by a staff member with a nursing license, physician license or a SAPTA certified Detoxification Technician.
- **Civil Protective Custody (controlled substance) (NRS 458.175)**
  - Intoxication management for persons taken into Civil Protective Custody (CPC) by a peace officer for being unlawfully under the influence of drugs in a public place, and unable to provide for the health or safety of self or others (NRS 458.175). Civil Protective Custody is not provided in a jail.
  - CPC facility must be a Provider that is SAPTA certified for Withdrawal Management: Level 3.2 WM Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management or Level 3.7 WM Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management.
  - Required Services
    - During intake, a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) and/or urine screen will be administered.

- The person's vital signs must be monitored at least once every 2 hours during the person's waking hours by a staff member with a nursing license, physician license or be certified as a Detoxification Technician.
    - Upon release from the withdrawal management unit, the person must immediately be remanded to the custody of the apprehending peace officer.
- **Civil Protective Custody (alcohol) (NRS 458.270)**
  - Intoxication management for persons taken into Civil Protective Custody (CPC) by a peace officer for being under the influence of alcohol in a public place, and unable to provide for the health or safety of self or others. Civil Protective Custody is not provided in a jail.
  - CPC facility must be a Provider that is SAPTA certified for Withdrawal Management: Level 3.2 WM Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management or Level 3.7 WM Medically Monitored Inpatient Withdrawal Management.
  - Required Services
    - During intake, a Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) and/or urine screen will be administered.
    - At the earliest practical time the person's family or next of kin must be advised they are in CPC if they can be located.
    - The person's vital signs must be monitored at least once every 2 hours during the person's waking hours by a staff member with a nursing license, physician license or be certified as a Detoxification Technician.
    - Prior to discharge, a good faith effort must be made to advise the person of his/her treatment options.
  - If the person was taken into custody for a public offense, the person must be remanded to the custody of the apprehending peace officer upon release from the withdrawal management unit. (NRS 458.270 (4)).
  - The person may not be required against his or her will to remain in a licensed facility or detention facility longer than 48 hours. (NRS 458.270 (3)).
- **Transitional Housing**
  - Definition: Transitional Housing services consist of a supportive living environment for individuals who are receiving substance abuse treatment in an SAPTA Certified Intensive Outpatient, or Outpatient program and who are without appropriate living alternatives.
  - Admission Criteria:
    - Individuals admitted to Transitional Housing services must be concurrently admitted to a Level 1 Outpatient or Level 2.1 Intensive Outpatient program per an assessment.
    - The ASAM 6 dimensional assessment must be reviewed to ensure there is sufficient risk in Dimension 6: Recovery Environment.
  - Continued Service Criteria:
    - The individual remains in Level 1 or Level 2.1 and ASAM Dimensional reviews reveal continued risk in the Recovery Environment.
    - The individual does not require a higher level of care.
  - Transfer / Discharge Criteria:
    - The individual needs a higher level of care per ASAM Dimensional review and is transferred.

- The individual has gained stable/supportive housing / recovery environment and no longer needs Transitional Housing.

### **Service Endorsements:**

Providers with Service Endorsements are certified for specific treatment levels of service and receive an endorsement for Co-Occurring Disorder services.

- **Co-Occurring Disorder Services**
  - The Division adopts the Dual Diagnosis Capability in Addiction Treatment (DDCAT) Rating Scale:
    - The DDCAT rating scale is an evidence-based benchmark instrument for measuring a Provider's capacity to deliver services for persons with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The DDCAT scale is designed to guide both programs and system authorities in assessing and developing dual diagnosis capacity for integrated service delivery.

### **Other Division Services:**

The Providers will be required to have policy & procedures and program descriptions for each level offered and these will be noted in the P&P section of the certification report.

- **Drug Court Service**
  - The Division Criteria for Drug Court Programs is in compliance with all applicable provisions of NAC 458.
- **Evaluation Center**
  - The Division Criteria for Evaluation Centers is in compliance with all applicable provisions of NAC 458. Programs will determine whether a person is appropriate for treatment per the ASAM Criteria.
- **Information and Referral Services**
  - The Division Criteria for Informational and Referral Services is in compliance with all applicable provisions of NAC 458.
- **Coalition Programs**
  - The Division Criteria for Coalition Programs is in compliance with all applicable provisions of NAC 458.
- **Administrative Programs**
  - The Division Criteria for Administrative Programs is in compliance with all applicable provisions of NAC 458.
- **Prevention Programs**
  - The Division Criteria for Prevention Programs is in compliance with all applicable provisions of NAC 458.