

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE OUTPATIENT

## HRSA Description (2-1-2016)

*Substance Abuse Outpatient Care* is the provision of outpatient services for the treatment of drug or alcohol use disorders.

Services include:

- Screening
- Assessment
- Diagnosis, and/or
- Treatment of substance use disorder, including:
  - Pretreatment/recovery readiness programs
  - Harm reduction
  - Behavioral health counseling associated with substance use disorder
  - Outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling
  - Medication assisted therapy
  - Neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals
  - Relapse prevention

## Key Service Components

The goal of the service is to support clients in recovery so they remain engaged in primary care and support services. Service provision must include clinical interventions and may include participation in supportive services such as support groups, 12-step programs and acupuncture therapy.

Services must include a comprehensive assessment followed by a written treatment plan.

Support groups may be facilitated by para-professionals and peers who receive training necessary to facilitate support groups. These individuals must receive supervision under a licensed mental health professional (e.g. LCSW-C, LCSW, LGSW, LCPC, LGPC, Psy D, etc.)

Acupuncture therapy may be allowable under this service category only when, as part of a substance use disorder treatment program funded under the RWHAP, it is included in a documented plan.

Syringe access services are allowable, to the extent that they comport with current appropriations law and applicable HHS guidance, including HRSA- or HAB-specific guidance.

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## Qualifications

Competencies, Knowledge, and Skills	Evaluation/Documentation
The provider agency must adhere to all applicable COMAR regulations.	The agency's policies and procedures are available upon request.
Clinical services are provided by licensed medical and mental health professionals, as required by State and Local regulations.	A copy of the current license must be available upon request.
The provider agency must be certified/accredited to provide outpatient substance use treatment in accordance with COMAR regulations.	A copy of the facility's certification/accreditation is available upon request.
At least 50% of program staff providing counseling services in the program shall be licensed/certified to provide substance use treatment in accordance with State regulations.	Copies of licensure/certification must be available upon request.
Acupuncture Therapy must be provided by registered/certified practitioners in accordance with State regulations.	A copy of the current registration/certification is available upon request.
It is recommended that staff be trained to administer Naloxone for overdose prevention.	Documentation of participation in training is available upon request.
Agencies must have Naloxone available on-site.	Staff are able to locate and administer Naloxone.