

## Chapter 15

# Chemical Dependency

The Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF) is the mechanism for provision of fee-for-service chemical dependency services for MA and GAMC recipients. Each county and Indian reservation is responsible for:

- Assessment and placement of recipients who need chemical dependency treatment services;
- Establishing contracts with facilities and programs to provide chemical dependency services; and
- Certification of claim forms prior to billing DHS.

For Prepaid MinnesotaCare, MA, GAMC, MSC, MSHO and SNBC recipients who need chemical dependency services, PrimeWest Health is responsible for the assessment, placement, and the provision or contracting of chemical dependency treatment services. MinnesotaCare adults and non-pregnant women are responsible for co pays as described in the benefit set of the Certificate of Coverage (COC).

Payment will not be made for chemical dependency services provided to an eligible recipient who has not been assessed as needing chemical dependency treatment services and referred by the responsible county, prepaid health plan, or American Indian reservation.

**Chemical Dependency Services:** A planned program of care for the treatment of chemical dependency or chemical abuse to minimize or prevent further chemical abuse. Diagnostic, evaluation, prevention, referral, detoxification, and aftercare services not included in the licensed rehabilitative program are not PrimeWest Health covered services.

**Chemical Abuse:** A pattern of inappropriate and harmful chemical use which could be linked to specific situations in a recipient's life, such as loss of a job, death of a loved one, or sudden change in life. Chemical abuse does not involve a pattern of pathological use, but it may progress toward it.

**Chemical Dependency:** A pattern of pathological use, accompanied by the physical manifestations of increased tolerance to the chemical or chemicals being used or withdrawal syndrome following cessation of chemical use.

**Rule 25:** Minnesota Rules [9530.6600-9530.6655](#), which establish criteria for the appropriate level of chemical dependency care for PrimeWest Health System members.

**Rule 35:** Minnesota Rules [9530.4100-9530.4450](#), residential treatment licensing rule.

**Rule 43:** Minnesota Rules [9530.5000-9530.6400](#), outpatient treatment licensing rule.

**Assessor:** A person qualified under Rule 25 to perform an assessment of chemical use.

**Chemical Use Assessment:** An interview and written report of the recipient's specific strengths and problems related to chemical use which enables the assessor to determine a level of chemical involvement. The following levels are included in this rating:

- Level 0 - no apparent problem
- Level 1 - risk status
- Level 2 - chemical abuse
- Level 3 - chemical dependency

**Referral:** If the assessor determines the recipient meets the criteria for chemical abuse (Level 2) or chemical dependency treatment (Level 3), placement should be made in an appropriate program.

## CCDTF Host County/Tribe Contract Database

This database supplies provider and program information about CCDTF contracts held with Minnesota host counties and tribal governments. The information in this database comes directly from the CCDTF Host County Contract Summary Sheets submitted to DHS, which is a requirement for enrollment as a reimbursable CCDTF provider. Obtainable data includes provider contact information, host county/tribe contact information, specific program names, rates, revenue codes used, and effective dates.

The CCDTF host county/tribal contract database is accessible on the internet through the DHS extranet reporting system

[http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET\\_DYNAMIC\\_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&Redirected=true&dDocName=id\\_009265](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&Redirected=true&dDocName=id_009265) under *CCDTF Host County/Tribe-Contract Database*. A link to download complete instructions in a PDF format is also available at the above address. Questions, feedback or suggestions about the functionality of the database should be submitted by e-mail to the Chemical Health Division CCDTF team at [dhs.ccdtf@state.mn.us](mailto:dhs.ccdtf@state.mn.us) or by phone at (651) 582-1832.

## Eligible Providers

The following enrollment criteria must be met in order for inpatient and outpatient chemical dependency treatment programs to be eligible for PrimeWest Health System payment:

- Meet Rule 35 or Rule 43 licensure;
- Contact the Chemical Dependency Division at DHS to enroll as a provider and receive a CCDTF provider number; and
- Obtain a host county contract to provide chemical dependency treatment services.

The Chemical Dependency Division coordinates PrimeWest Health enrollment with the Provider Enrollment Unit.

## Eligible Members

All PrimeWest Health members who, after receiving a Rule 25 chemical use assessment meet the criteria for chemical abuse (Level 2) or chemical dependency treatment (Level 3).

## Covered Services

### Outpatient Rehabilitation

Outpatient rehabilitation must include at least 10 hours of group, collateral, and individual therapy or counseling. Outpatient rehabilitation may be provided to those residing in supervised living arrangements or their own home.

### Primary CD Treatment/Free-Standing Facility

Primary CD Treatment provided by a freestanding facility must be a licensed chemical dependency rehabilitation program with the following components:

- Not located in an acute care hospital;
- Provides intensive therapeutic services following detoxification; and
- Provides at least 30 hours a week (per member) of chemical dependency services including group and individual counseling, and patient education.

### Primary CD Treatment/Hospital Setting

Primary rehabilitation provided in a hospital setting must be a licensed chemical dependency rehabilitation program with the following components:

- Located in an acute care hospital;
- 24-hour nursing surveillance and physician availability;
- Provides intensive therapeutic services following detoxification; and
- Provides at least 30 hours a week per member of chemical dependency services including group and individual counseling, and patient education.

### Detoxification

Detoxification is only covered by PrimeWest Health if an inpatient hospitalization is medically necessary due to conditions in addition to, or resulting from, withdrawal. For example, conditions resulting from injury, accident, or medical complications during detoxification, such as delirium, which requires constant availability of a physician or complex medical equipment found only in hospital settings would be covered.

### Managed Care Recipients

PrimeWest Health members who meet the criteria for extended rehabilitation or transitional rehabilitation must be referred by the prepaid health plan to the county of residence for placement under CCDTF. Extended rehabilitation must include at least 15 hours per week of group, collateral, and individual therapy or counseling. Extended rehabilitation may be provided to those residing in supervised living arrangements or board and lodging facilities. Transitional rehabilitation must include at least five hours per week of group, collateral, and individual therapy or counseling. Transitional rehabilitation may be provided to those residing in halfway houses.

Refer to the [Minnesota Health Care Programs Benefits by Program Chart](#) in Health Care Programs & Services Chapter 2 for a list of covered services by health care program.

## Legal References

MS [254A.03](#); [254B](#)

MS [256B.031](#)

MS [256L](#)

Minnesota Rules [9530.6600 to 9530.7031](#); [9505.0540](#), subp. 2; [9530.5000 to 9530.6400](#)

[42 CFR 440.130\(d\)](#)