

## SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER REHABILITATION FACILITIES CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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### I. ISSUE

Substance use disorder rehabilitation facilities certification.

### II. DESCRIPTION

Substance use disorder rehabilitation facilities shall operate primarily for the purpose of providing treatment of substance use disorders (on either an inpatient (including partial care) or an outpatient basis). An inpatient substance use rehabilitation facility is a facility, or distinct part of a facility, that provides medically monitored, interdisciplinary addiction-focused treatment to beneficiaries who have psychoactive substance use disorders. Qualified health care professionals provide 24-hour, seven-day-per-week, medically monitored assessment, treatment, and evaluation. An inpatient rehabilitation center is appropriate for patients whose addiction-related symptoms, or concomitant physical and emotional/behavioral problems reflect persistent dysfunction in several major life areas. A partial hospitalization center for the treatment of substance use disorders is an addiction-focused service that provides active treatment to adolescents between the ages of 13 and 18 or adults aged 18 or over. Partial hospitalization is a generic term for day, evening, or weekend programs that treat patients with psychoactive substance use disorders according to a comprehensive, individualized, integrated schedule of care. Partial hospitalization is appropriate for those whose addiction-related symptoms or concomitant physical and emotional/behavioral problems can be managed outside the hospital environment for defined periods of time with support in one or more of the major life areas. Such programs shall be accredited by and shall remain in substantial compliance with standards issued by either the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations under the Accreditation Manual for Mental Health, Chemical Dependency, and Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities Services, or the Commission on Accreditation Rehabilitation Facilities as an alcoholism and other drug dependency rehabilitation program under the Standards Manual for Organizations Serving People with Disabilities, or other designated standards approved by the Executive Director, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA).

### III. POLICY

A. The national mental health utilization contractor has been delegated the authority to certify or deny certification for new applicants for status as an approved institutional provider for substance use disorder rehabilitation facilities. Separate certification is not

required for authorized hospital units which are a distinct part of an authorized facility. **A satellite substance abuse treatment facility does not require additional certification if the facility is hospital-based and the hospital is an authorized institutional provider.** Effective October 1, 1995, the substance use disorder rehabilitation facility is not considered an authorized provider, and benefits are not paid for services provided until the date upon which a participation agreement is signed by the Executive Director, TMA, or a designee.

B. Substance use disorder rehabilitation programs, except substance use disorder rehabilitation programs provided in units which are a distinct part of an authorized hospital, must fully comply, be certified and enter into a participation agreement as outlined in [32 CFR 199.6\(b\)\(4\)\(xii\)\(E\)](#).

C. Related Policy Manual material.

1. [Chapter 1, Section 12.1F](#), Preauthorization Requirements For Substance Use Disorder Detoxification And Rehabilitation.

2. [Chapter 13, Section 6.1D](#), Hospital Reimbursement - TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-Based Payment System (Applicability Of The DRG System).

3. [Chapter 13, Section 6.8](#), Substance Use Disorder Rehabilitation Facilities Reimbursement.

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