



Didi Hirsch Substance Use Treatment Program Description & Admission Criteria and Procedures

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Client Education

Didi Hirsch ensures current and prospective clients are informed about the process of enrollment in treatment at Didi Hirsch, the treatment modalities available, and how we connect clients with additional services through care coordination. Didi Hirsch staff ask clients about their treatment goals and inform clients how Didi Hirsch can support them in achieving these goals.

Screening

Screenings are abbreviated evaluations of clients that allow for a provisional determination about, including if, and what types of additional substance use treatment services are necessary and appropriate. These abbreviated assessments are less comprehensive than full assessments and thus do not replace full assessments but are meant to provide reasonable estimation of the type and intensity of substance use treatment services that will be necessary to meet an individual's needs.

Assessment

In the treatment of people with substance use service needs, assessments are an ongoing process and are essential to identify client needs and help the provider focus on the services to best meet those needs. Assessments are also important opportunities for client engagement and developing a plan of care.

- Assessments based on the required American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria ensure that there is a standardized structure by which to collect necessary clinical information to make appropriate substance use disorder (SUD) Level of Care (LOC) determinations.
- The full ASAM assessments include a comprehensive evaluation of the six (6) dimensions of the ASAM Criteria, in addition to other important clinical elements captured during the assessment interview.
- Medical necessity must be determined by a full ASAM CONTINUUM or Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Youth ASAM assessment and not solely by a screening tool.
- The full ASAM assessments include determination if an individual meets the diagnostic criteria for a substance use disorder from the DSM-5. A full ASAM assessment does not need to be repeated unless the client's condition changes.



- Licensed Practitioners of the Healing Arts (LPHAs) and SUD counselors must have the appropriate experience and training before conducting both screening, assessment, and medical necessity determinations.

ADMISSION CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES

Access Criteria – Outpatient Services - Youth

Criteria 1: One or both of the following:

- a) Significant impairment where impairment is defined as distress, disability or dysfunction in social, occupational, or other important activities; and/or,
- b) A reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning

AND

Criteria 2: The condition in Criteria (1) is due to either:

- a) A diagnosed mental health disorder or,
- b) A suspected mental health disorder that has not yet been diagnosed

Access Criteria – Outpatient Services - Adult

Criteria 1 or 2 must be met to qualify for services after assessment:

Criteria 1: Have at least one diagnosis from the DSM-5 for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders, with the exception of Tobacco-Related Disorders and non-Substance-Related Disorders

OR

Criteria 2: Have had at least one diagnosis from the DSM-5 for Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders, with the exception of Tobacco Related Disorders and Non-Substance- Related Disorders, prior to being incarcerated or during incarceration, determined by substance use history

Access Criteria – Recovery Services - Adult and Youth

Criteria 1 or 2 must be met to qualify for Recovery Services:

Criteria 1: Have current substance use causing an impairment in functioning



OR

Criteria 2: Have current risk for engaging in substance use causing an impairment in functioning

Admissions & Assessment Process

All admissions follow a two-step assessment process:

1. Within 72 hours of admission, CENS or treatment provider staff complete the appropriate ASAM screening tool to support initial level of care determination and placement.
2. Following admission, the provider completes the full ASAM assessment within required regulatory timeframes (7–14 days for residential settings and 30–60 days for non-residential settings, based on age and eligibility). If the assessment cannot be completed within these timeframes due to client unavailability, providers must document all outreach efforts and barriers in the clinical record. For Recovery Services, the provider may or may not complete a full ASAM assessment as a component of their assessment process.

Admission Procedures

- Clinical staff complete the Client Health Care Questionnaire and Initial Screening Questions (DHCS-5103) form.
- Clinical staff will review the Client Health Care Questionnaire and Initial Screening Questions form (DHCS-5103) no later than seventy-two (72) hours after client admission.
- LPHAs and registered/certified SUD counselors conduct the screening, assessment, and the (DHCS-5103) Client Health Care Questionnaire and Initial Screening Questions form.
- LPHAs will conduct a final review of the ASAM assessment and ensure successful enrollment into the appropriate level of care (1.0, 3.1, 3.2-WM, 3.3, or 3.5).