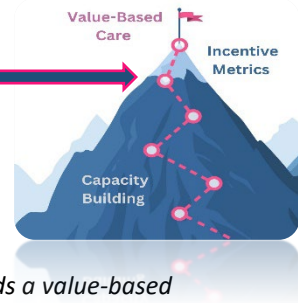


Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Incentive Metrics Package



Payment reform in July 2023 serves as the first step away from a volume-based and towards a value-based reimbursement structure for specialty substance use disorder (SUD) systems. This will require defining performance metrics that are designed to validate whether provider agencies deliver, and patients receive, outcome-focused services that translate to value-based care. Therefore, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health’s Division of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) designed an incentive metrics package to begin to move the SUD system towards this new model. While these metrics are still under development, the 4 categories below are the key categories of focus under DPH-SAPC’s incentive structure:

1. Workforce Development: Recruitment, Retention and Training
2. Access to Care: Reaching the 95%
3. Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT)
4. Optimizing Care Coordination

Agencies can choose to participate in any or all of the following efforts.

DPH-SAPC strongly encourages agencies to also participate in the capacity building package to obtain additional financial resources to meet these metrics.

What is capacity building?

- Funds that DPH-SAPC pays a treatment provider either in advance to ensure start-up funds to do something or after the fact to compensate a treatment provider for completing something. Capacity building is designed to help prepare providers to meet select metrics and maximize a supplemental incentive payment. Providers need to verify expenditures or submit a deliverable for full payment.

What are incentives?

- Funds that DPH-SAPC pays a treatment provider after achieving a performance metric associated with the incentive payment. Providers need to verify completion and submit relevant data for full payment. Providers keep all funds if the metric is met and do not submit expenditure verification. The funds can be used to reinvest in the program as needed, including to support activities associated with the metric.

Note: Incentive payments will be distributed through your DMC-ODS Contract, therefore, notify SAPC Contracts and Compliance if a contract augmentation is needed to support participation. DPH-SAPC will follow its pre-established contract augmentation process and provider agencies will need to provide information on what efforts you plan to participate in to determine the augmentation amount.

Table 1: Incentive Metrics – The following is a description of available incentive metrics efforts.

Incentive Category			Quality Incentive Metric	Measure	Funding
1.	Workforce Development	1a	The percent of certified SUD counselors is at least 50% among all SUD counselors employed within an agency under DPH-SAPC contract.	Numerator is # of certified SUD counselors and denominator is # of all SUD counselors delivering direct services according to Sage/NACT	\$30,000

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		1b	The ratio for LPHA-to-SUD counselor ratio is at least 1:15 (i.e., 1 LPHA for every 15 SUD counselors)	To determine the number of LPHA needed, divide the number of SUD counselors by 15. If the calculated number is not a whole number, agencies will only receive this incentive if they at least maintain a 1:15 LPHA-to-SUD counselor ratio	\$30,000
2.	Access to Care	2a	Meet specified “R95 Champion” criteria	To qualify as a R95 Champion, implement at least all components of 2C and 2D and one other R95 criteria specified in the capacity building document	\$30,000
3.	Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT)	3a	Ensure that at least 50% of clients with opioid (OUD) and/or alcohol (AUD) use disorder either receive MAT education and/or Medication Services that include MAT	Numerator is MATSvc* (for MAT and/or Medication Services) billing code and/or H2010 (MAT Education). Denominator is clients with OUD (F11.*) and/or AUD (F10.*) diagnosis	\$30,000
		3b	At least 50% of clients served receive naloxone within a given agency during a fiscal year	Numerator is # of clients that received naloxone at a given agency during a FY and denominator is total # of clients served	\$30,000
4.	Optimizing Care Coordination	4a	At least 75% of clients within a given agency during a fiscal year have a signed Release of Information (ROI) form to share information with internal (other SUD) or external entities (e.g., physical or mental health entities)	Numerator is # of clients with a signed ROI form and denominator is total # of clients served	\$30,000
		4b	At least 30% of clients within a given agency during a fiscal year are referred and admitted to another level of SUD care within 30 days at discharge	Numerator is the # of clients referred to other level of care at discharge and denominator is # of clients discharged	\$30,000

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