



SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) FUNDING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Eligibility

1. Do I need to be a resident of Idaho to be eligible for the State/BPA Health Funding?
 - a. Yes, BPA Health only manages funding for substance use disorder (SUD) services to the residents of Idaho.
2. Do I need to have Idaho Medicaid to receive SUD services?
 - a. No, you do not need Idaho Medicaid to screen for State SUD funding eligibility; however, you need to apply for Medicaid as per Idaho requirements. Within 30 days of screening, you must have a valid denial status from Idaho Medicaid. BPA Health needs to verify the valid denial status, reason, and effective date.
3. What if I currently have Medicaid from another state?
 - a. You will need to cancel the Medicaid from the other state and apply for Idaho Medicaid. Each state has their own Medicaid eligibility requirements and Idaho does not accept another state's Medicaid.
4. What if I have Idaho Medicaid?
 - a. Medicaid covers most of the same services that the State SUD/BPA Health funding covers. There are a few services that Medicaid does not cover that BPA Health may be able to assist with. The first step is

to complete a substance use assessment and get connected to a substance use provider for treatment prior to calling and screening for services not covered by Medicaid.

5. Am I eligible for State funding through BPA Health if I am in a specialty court (i.e. Drug Court)?

a. No, contact your court coordinator for funding options.

6. What if I have my own private insurance through my employer, self-paid, or a Medicare Advantage plan?

a. Prior to completing an eligibility screening, you are required to speak with your insurance and ask them the following 4 questions;

i. Do I have a substance use benefit available?

ii. What is my deductible?

iii. How much of my deductible has been met?

iv. Is there an in-network provider within 30 miles of me that accepts my insurance?

b. Once you have the above information, call BPA Health to review the information and determine if the eligibility screening can be completed.

7. Can incarcerated clients access the funding?

a. Please refer to the [Inmate Guidelines](#) document for information on eligibility for those incarcerated.

Safe and Sober Housing

8. How many days can I be authorized for funding for Safe & Sober Housing?
 - a. The number of days authorized for Safe & Sober Housing depends on several factors, such as the level of care you are engaged in, and the number of prior days authorized.
9. Do I need to be in treatment to receive Safe & Sober Housing Funding?
 - a. Yes, you are required to actively attend substance use disorder treatment, a minimum of a Level 1 Outpatient Treatment program.
10. If I stop attending treatment, do I still receive the State/BPA Health funding for Safe & Sober Housing?
 - a. Your treatment provider will notify BPA Health if you discharge from treatment. You must be engaged in SUD treatment to receive funding for safe and sober housing.
11. What happens if I have been out of substance use treatment for 30 days or more?
 - a. If you have not engaged in SUD treatment for 30 consecutive days or more, you will be required to complete a full eligibility screening.
12. What happens when I have used all my Safe & Sober Funding?
 - a. When you have used all eligible Safe & Sober Housing Funding, you are responsible for finding alternative funding for housing. Please work with your counselor or case manager months and/or weeks before the authorization end date to develop a transition plan.

13. Can I live in any Safe & Sober House and receive Safe & Sober Housing funding?

- a. You must reside in a Safe & Sober House that is in the BPA Health network to receive Safe & Sober Housing funding from BPA Health. If you are living in a house that is not in the BPA Health network, you have the option to speak with your counselor to request moving to an in-network house.
- b. [Search for Safe & Sober providers here.](#)

Authorizations

14. When does my State/BPA Health funding start?

- a. Funding can start the date the treatment provider submits a completed request for services. If the request is incomplete or needs clarification, it can cause delays. The provider is responsible for following required procedures.

15. How long does it take to receive funding?

- a. From the date of screening, it can take anywhere from 1 – 3 weeks for funding to be approved. It is dependent on your treatment provider to follow the required procedures.

16. Can the State/BPA Health funding be back dated?

- a. The client's provider can submit a request for back dating, but approval is not guaranteed.

17. Is BPA Health allowed to talk to others about my personal information?

a. No, BPA Health is not allowed to talk about your personal health information unless specified by you through appropriate documentation. You have the option to fill out a Use and Disclosure form, giving BPA Health permission to talk to only identified people about your information.