



# IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

*"To Promote a Safer Idaho by Reducing Recidivism"*

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The Idaho Department of Correction (IDOC) allocates to the provider network \$4.7 million dollars for community-based Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services. The Idaho Legislature and Governor's Office recently approved an expansion to the IDOC SUD budget of \$818,900 for the remainder of the current fiscal year (ending June 30, 2014), and an ongoing amount of \$2,456,800 starting in fiscal year 2015 (beginning July 1, 2014). In short, beginning in fiscal year 2015, IDOC's SUD budget for direct services via the SUD provider network will expand to approximately \$7.1 million. IDOC is grateful for the expanded funding and the opportunity to enhance community based care for the offender population.

To allocate the expanded resources efficiently and effectively, IDOC is taking the following actions:

## **Action #1) Expand housing services for eligible Rider populations**

At the time of release, Rider graduates with a history of substance use typically receive 30 days IDOC funded safe and sober housing. After 30 days, many offenders struggle to secure financial resources. Effective 3/14/14, IDOC will expand the initial safe and sober housing authorization to a maximum of 60 days. If the provider requests additional safe and sober housing units via an Authorization Change Request – Note to Authorizer in WITS, BPA will factor the initial 60 days in their calculation of the 90 day service limit.

## **Action #2) Effective immediately, add case management as an eligible recovery support service during the pre-treatment stage of care**

IDOC supports the use of case management, yet most providers do not utilize the service when authorized. When services are authorized but not utilized, the unused allocation negatively impacts funding availability for other SUD services. Accordingly, IDOC will authorize case management in the pre-treatment stage only to providers who have historically delivered this service. If a provider that offers case management is not issued case management in the pre-treatment authorization, but wants to deliver this service, the provider should submit an Authorization Change Request – Note to Authorizer via WITS for BPA review. The request for case management in the pre-treatment stage of care may also include a request for drug testing and transportation.

## **Action #3) Expand SUD services to the parole reentry population**

The primary purpose for expanded SUD funding is to provide services to the parole population while assessing risks for relapse and reintegrating the offender back into their community. As such, IDOC added "Parolee Aftercare" to our service matrix, effective 3/24/14. Upon release, eligible parolees (individuals discharged from an IDOC institution in the last 90 days on parole that have a .4 or higher on the SUD Domain of the LSIR) are authorized 192 service units for 90 days via WITS. This authorization permits 4 hours a week of bundled education, group, individual and individual with a family member present services. If group services are incorporated in the treatment plan, IDOC

recommends a cognitive group and/or a relapse prevention group. Parolee Aftercare also permits authorization of all recovery support services within the standard service matrix limits.

Providers will receive a referral via WITS for Adult Outpatient with an authorized stage of Parolee Aftercare and the authorized service of Parolee Aftercare. During the Parolee Aftercare services, providers should focus on identification and intervention for issues related to motivation for change, relapse prevention, social support and recovery environment during the community reintegration process. If after 90 days the parolee requires continued services, a clinically supported Authorization Change Request can be submitted via WITS for BPA review. Service extensions within Parolee Aftercare will not exceed an aggregate of 90 additional days. If an offender destabilizes to the point of requiring a higher level of care, a clinically supported Authorization Change Request can be submitted at any time via WITS for review by BPA and placement within the established IDOC SUD treatment services.

For planning purposes, IDOC estimates 100 Parolee Aftercare SUD referrals each month as follows:

District 1 - 10  
District 2 - 4  
District 3 - 16  
District 4 - 43  
District 5 - 13  
District 6 - 5  
District 7 - 9

IDOC is working closely with BPA to minimize the impact of an influx of clients on the provider network and ensure system capacity. The primary concern we have is in regards to the timeliness of GAIN-Core delivery due to the increased assessment volume.

Provider questions regarding this communication should be directed to BPA for response. IDOC values the role the provider network plays in improving the lives of the offender population and we are excited for this opportunity to expand services. Thank you.

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