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Re: SPA 15-021; Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors

Comment #1:

The Board of Directors of the Vermont Addiction Professionals Association, the State affiliate of the National Association of Addiction Professional (NAADAC) met and discussed the Public Announcement regarding DVHA reimbursement of LADC's in private practice. It was the unanimous opinion of the board that this is a positive development that VAPA formally endorses.

Comment #2:

With the goal of ensuring quality services across all provider sectors, the Designated Agency providers of mental health and substance abuse services support the proposal to allow LADC private practitioners to bill ADAP Medicaid, provided that they are held to the same quality and performance standards and assurances as the Designated Agency and Preferred Providers as specified in the AHS Master Grant and the Medicaid/ADAP standards. Including but not limited to:

- Annual substance abuse management plan
 - Apply annually to be a provider
 - See client within 5 days of requesting service
 - Give priority to pregnant women and needle users
 - Follow the Critical Incident Reporting Requirements
 - Utilize approved screening tools
 - Screen for Mental Health needs
 - Conduct full Diagnosis and Evaluation
 - Treatment Plan within 30 days of initiating treatment. Plan to include measurable objective and time-frames for goals, signed by client
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- Treatment plan updates
- Treatment notes on each session
- Updated D&E and Treatment plans upon significant life change
- ADAP opening and ADAP closing within 60 days of inactivity
- Closing summary and After Care Plans
- Data reported to SATIS
- Engagement, Encounter Days of Service outcome expectations
- Annual audits