DRUG AND ALCOHOL LEVEL OF CARE ASSESSMENT

Effective July 1, 2012, Community Care Behavioral Health Organization is revising the base fee schedule for the Allegheny County Drug and Alcohol Program (ALDA) to include a specific code for Drug and Alcohol Level of Care Assessment. The Drug and Alcohol Level of Care Assessment is a face-to-face interview with an individual using the most current edition of the Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria for adults and the most current edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria for adolescents to ascertain the severity of alcohol or other drug use and degree of impairment by identifying the biomedical, emotional/behavioral and environmental effects of that use in order to determine proper placement and treatment for the individual.

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<td>Alcohol and/or Drug Assessment (D&amp;A Level of Care Assessment)</td>
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Community Care will also be making the following changes to its HealthChoices Allegheny (HCAL) base fee schedule:

- Establishing H0001 in the HealthChoices Allegheny (HCAL) benefit.
- Removing 90806-U7 “First Appointment by clinician other than MD. Overall clinical evaluation with no MD involvement on that day”.

Providers of the Alcohol and/or Drug Assessment (D&A Level of Care Assessment) service are required to obtain the proper PROMISE enrollment (11-184) in order to be contracted for this service for HCAL. Therefore, Community Care is encouraging all Drug and Alcohol Providers who render Drug and Alcohol Level of Care Assessments to pursue the proper enrollment.

Community Care will retain the 90806-U7 on its HCAL fee schedule for up to six (6) months in order to allow providers the opportunity to obtain the proper enrollment. Once enrollment is confirmed, revised fee schedules will be provided.

In order to begin the process of obtaining enrollment, please complete the attached Standard Supplemental Service Description and submit it to your Provider Relations Representative, who will send you additional information to complete the process. If you have any questions, please contact your Provider Relations Representative at 1-888-251-2224.
1. Service Name and Description:

   Service Name: Behavioral Health/Drug and Alcohol Level of Care Assessment
   Type of Service: BH
   Procedure Code: W9986
   License: Credential

   Description:
   Drug and alcohol level of care assessment is a face-to-face evaluation of the client to ascertain the degree and severity of alcohol and other drug use, as well as the social, physical, and psychological effects of the substance use. The drug and alcohol level of care assessment identifies the strengths and needs of the client in order to determine the appropriate service and/or treatment modality. The assessment includes the application of the Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria (PCPC) for clients age 21 and above, or the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) criteria for clients under the age of 21.

2. Information About Population to be Served:

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3. Program Philosophy, Goals, and Objectives:

   - Philosophy: Mental health and substance abuse services are:
     - consumer-centered/consumer-empowered,
     - culturally competent,
     - designed to meet special needs,
     - community-based/natural supports,
     - flexible,
     - coordinated,
     - accountable, and
     - strength-based.
Goals:
- assess the appropriate level of care for treatment placement,
- identify the person’s severity of alcohol and drug use, and
- identify the person’s strengths and weaknesses.

Objectives:
- assess appropriate level of care,
- provide face-to-face evaluation, and
- utilize standard criteria (PCPC for clients age 21 and over or ASAM criteria for clients under the age of 21).

Primary Services:
- evaluate degree of severity of substance use,
- evaluate strengths and weaknesses, and
- identify level of care placement.

4. Expected Outcomes:

- Assess the appropriate level of care for treatment placement:
  - rate of clients who receive an assessment, and
  - rate of provider compliance with standard criteria (PCPC for clients age 21 and over or ASAM criteria for clients under the age of 21),
- Identify the person’s severity of alcohol and drug use and the person’s strengths and weaknesses:
  - rate of clients who have a written narrative that identifies the severity of alcohol and drug use in the medical record, and
  - rate of clients who have a written narrative that includes strengths and weaknesses in the medical record.

5. Staffing Qualifications, Credentialing Process, and Levels of Supervision (Administrative and Clinical) Required:

- Credentialed Counselor,
- Licensed Psychologist,
- Licensed Social Worker,
- Certified Addiction Counselor,
- Certified Allied Addictions Practitioners, and
- training in the utilization of standard criteria (PCPC for clients age 21 and over or ASAM criteria for clients under the age of 21).

6. Unit of Service:

Per occurrence

7. Anticipated Units of Service per Person:

One
8. Targeted Length of Service:

Not applicable

9. Describe why this service is needed and is different than any in-plan or supplemental service already defined. If implemented in other states, describe successful outcomes.

Level of care assessments provide the information necessary to match the client with the appropriate level of care and type of service. Use of level of care assessments is a routine function of managed care programs nationally.

10. Cost-Benefit Analysis:

Assessments promote access to the appropriate level of care and prevent unnecessary use of more intensive and expensive levels of care.