

Connecticut 1115 SUD Demonstration Admission Guidance

Individuals seeking treatment at residential SUD treatment facilities should not be denied admission based solely on:

1. Current abstinence or length of current abstinence from alcohol or controlled substances. Individuals should be assessed for medical necessity utilizing an ASAM multidimensional assessment.
2. The number of previous treatment episodes: Unsuccessful attempts to complete treatment are not a prerequisite for any level of care under the ASAM guidelines.
3. The time interval since the last residential admission. Individuals should be assessed for medical necessity based on their current symptoms by utilizing an ASAM multidimensional assessment.
4. The individual's medication needs: Agencies should not preclude admission of individuals based on MAT profile and active medication prescriptions. If an agency cannot support a medication need internally they must have policies in place to ensure communication with prescribing physician is ongoing or appropriate referrals are made.
5. Legal history- Agencies should utilize a comprehensive evidence based assessment of the individual's current substance use, co—occurring and criminogenic risk needs when making admission decisions.
6. Medically co-occurring conditions or medical supports not requiring a higher level of care. Agencies should utilize and document consultation with medical personnel when issuing admission decisions based on medical symptom profiles.
7. Past or recent psychiatric treatment if upon utilization of the ASAM multidimensional assessment the individual meets the medical necessity for the facility's level of care. Agencies should utilize and document consultation with clinical and medical personnel when issuing admission decisions based on psychiatric symptom profiles.

The State Partner agencies are available for consultation and support in addressing referral and admission decisions for individuals with complex needs. Agencies experiencing referral denials based on above mentioned areas or any other biopsychosocial dimensions should communicate these concerns to the State Partner agencies so that the appropriate training resources, support and interventions can be provided.

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