

SPECIAL PROVIDER ALERT

JUNE 2023

Flex Beds for SUD Residential Treatment Programs

In 2022, DSS began reimbursing services for individuals with Medicaid at SUD residential treatment facilities when the state's SUD Demonstration under section 1115 of the Social Security Act was implemented. In 2023, agencies providing residential SUD treatment under the 1115 SUD Waiver Demonstration are given an option to "flex" individuals to lower levels of SUD residential treatment (e.g., 3.7 to 3.5 or 3.5 to 3.1) provided they are appropriately licensed by DPH and provisionally certified by DMHAS.

For providers who have opted in to this "flex" bed option, the following rules will apply when reporting data for those programs in DDaP:

- All admissions/discharges should be reported under the original program in DDaP.
- Total bed capacity will remain the same.
- If/when a client "flexes" down to a lower level of care, it is not required to complete a discharge for the previous episode and a new admission for the new episode in DDaP. Please follow the 1115 standards and DPH requirements in terms of admission and discharge paperwork that may be needed when flexing down.

CSSD & DMHAS Beds

For providers who have dedicated DMHAS beds and dedicated CSSD beds, DMHAS has historically maintained those as separate programs in our data system. DMHAS has now decided to combine these two types of SUD residential treatment programs. As of 7/1/23, for providers who have both DMHAS residential and CSSD residential programs, we will now have these programs combined into one in DDaP.

Please note that for Contracts and Budget purposes, DMHAS will keep the CSSD and DMHAS programs/funding separate, as they are now. We will not be combining them as we are in DDaP.

If your agency is impacted by these changes and you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out: Karolina.Wytrykowska@ct.gov or 860-719-3745.