Deemed Accreditation Process

Tribal substance use disorder (SUD) programs may be granted accreditation from the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) by either meeting the accreditation requirements outlined in Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) Article 67:61, or through deemed status by meeting the requirements outlined in South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 34-20A-2(1). Through SDCL 34-20A-2(1), a program may obtain deemed status by meeting the standards of the Indian Health Service’s quality assurance review under the Indian Health Service Manual, Professional Standards – Alcohol/Substance Abuse.

In order to receive deemed accreditation status through the Indian Health Service’s quality assurance review, the tribal program provides the following to the DBH:

1. A copy of the current 638 contract with Indian Health Service that identifies authorized services;
2. A signed letter from the Tribal Chairman requesting the DBH grant deemed status to the agency;
3. A letter from the Program Director which provides the following information:
   a. A statement describing the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) levels that the Program intends to utilize;
   b. A statement that the Program will utilize ASAM criteria for admissions, treatment, continued care and discharges; and
   c. A statement that the Program will provide client admission and discharge data as required by the Federal Government; and
4. A copy of the most recent quality assurance review report by Indian Health Service, a copy of the corrective action plan submitted in response, and a letter from Indian Health Service indicating the plan is accepted and approved.

Medicaid Enrollment Process

The requirements listed above are part of the items required to have the tribal SUD program recognized as a participating Medicaid provider are outlined in ARSD 67:16:48:14. In addition, the NPI used to bill SD Medicaid for tribal SUD program services must be enrolled.

- If using an NPI that is already enrolled with SD Medicaid for other services, login to your SD MEDX enrollment record and update your record to include 1) the location where SUD
services are being provided (if different than those listed); 2) the taxonomy code(s) of 324500000X for inpatient SUD and/or 261QR0405X for outpatient SUD as deemed accredited; 3) use of “DBH Accred” as the license/certification value.

- If using an NPI that is not enrolled with SD Medicaid, begin a Tribal/IHS Application on our website at: https://dss.sd.gov/sdmex/includes/providers/becomeprovider/. Use the taxonomy code(s) of 324500000X for inpatient SUD and/or 261QR0405X for outpatient SUD as deemed accredited and use “DBH Accred” as the license/certification value. In addition to submitting the online application, you will also need to submit supplemental paperwork of a signed provider agreement, tribal/IHS ownership & controlling interest disclosure, and a letter from your financial institution.

**Medicaid Reimbursement**

South Dakota Medicaid reimburses substance use disorder treatment services outlined in ARSD 67:16:48:02 as covered services:

- Assessments
- Crisis intervention
- Early intervention
- Outpatient treatment
- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Day treatment
- Clinically managed low intensity residential treatment programs
- Medically-monitored intensive inpatient treatment
- Psychiatric residential treatment programs for substance use disorders

While these services are covered, some do require that prior authorization be obtained and included on the claim. Covered SUD services that currently require prior authorization include medically-monitored intensive inpatient treatment, clinically managed low intensity residential treatment for pregnant women or women with dependent children, intensive methamphetamine services, and psychiatric residential treatment for substance use disorders as outlined in ARSD 67:16:48:04. Prior authorization requirements can be found ARSD 67:61:48:05, 67:61:48:06, and 67:61:48:11.

For further information, please contact the Division of Behavioral Health at 605-367-5236 or 1-855-878-6057 or Medicaid Provider Enrollment at 1-866-718-0084 or sdmedxgeneral@state.sd.us.