**Frequently Asked Questions**

**What is a substance use disorder?**
A substance use disorder is a disease which occurs when the recurrent use of alcohol and/or drugs causes significant impairments. Impairments may include health problems, disability and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school or home.

**What is an assessment?**
An assessment includes an interview with an addiction counselor to review a person’s substance use and its impact on his or her daily life.

**How are services determined?**
An addiction counselor recommends treatment services based on an assessment with the individual to best meet his or her needs.

**How are services funded?**
A variety of funding options are available for an individual who is assessed as needing services. Funding options include:
- Insurance
- Private pay
- Other 3rd party payers
- Combination of state and federal funding
- Medicaid

**How do I qualify for state and federal funding?**
Individuals who meet programmatic and financial eligibility may qualify for state funded services. The treatment provider will assist the individual in completing the eligibility process.

**What are some resources available?**
There is information and a Substance Use Disorder brochure available online at dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/. Resources for local treatment providers are available through the SAMHSA treatment locator at findtreatment.samhsa.gov/ or on the DSS website at dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/agencycounty.aspx.

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**Contact Us**

For more information or to ask questions, please contact the Division of Behavioral Health at dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/ or 1.855.878.6057.

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Who is appropriate for an SUD involuntary commitment?

For an individual to be appropriate for a substance use disorder (SUD) involuntary commitment, the petitioner will need to provide information to support the individual is a substance user who continually lacks self-control, in regards to his/her alcohol and/or drug use and one or more of the following.

1. Has threatened, attempted or inflicted physical harm on self or on another, and unless committed, is likely to harm self or others.
2. Is incapacitated by the effects of alcohol or drugs.
3. Is pregnant and using alcohol or drugs.

For more information on the involuntary commitment process, please visit dss.sd.gov/docs/behavioralhealth/community/sud_ivc_roadmap.pdf.