

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
(SPA #25-0018)**

**Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT)  
ASAM 2.5**

The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Benefits hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Medicaid State Plan Substance Abuse Comprehensive Outpatient Treatment (SACOT) services. The State Plan pages for the following service are being amended to align with the ASAM Criteria, Third Edition, 2013.

The new rate will be established at \$69.73 per hour effective January 1, 2026. This rate increase is intended to sustain provider participation within the Medicaid program, address some of the increased cost of the service, and support access to care statewide.

This amendment will become effective January 1, 2026.

The annual estimated State Fiscal Impact of this change is:

- a. **SFY 2026**     **\$2,160,319**
- b. **SFY 2027**     **\$4,234,917**

A copy of the proposed public notice may be viewed at the County Department of Social Services. Questions, comments and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan Amendment should be directed to the Division of Health Benefits at the address listed below:

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