

PUBLIC NOTICE
(SPA #25-0019)
Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Treatment Services
8D-3 ASAM 3.1

As a part of the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration Waiver the State is amending the State Plan to add Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Treatment Services (ASAM Level 3.1) to increase access to new SUD services; and align existing SUD services with The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, Third Edition, 2013.

Clinically Managed Low-Intensity Residential Treatment Services (ASAM Level 3.1) is a 24-hour structured, safe, and supportive living environment that addresses functional limitations of a beneficiary with a substance use disorder. ASAM Level 3.1 provides support for a beneficiary to develop and practice interpersonal and group living skills, strengthen their recovery skills, reintegrate into the community and family, and resume employment or academic pursuits.

The new rate will be established at \$176.15 per diem effective January 1, 2026. This new rate 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** **\$520,037**
- b. **SFY 2027** **\$1,019,438**

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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