



Part 822 Ancillary Withdrawal Guidance

In April of 2016, OASAS posted the Part 822 Clinical Standards document to put forth standards of care for Outpatient SUD Programs. The Clinical Standards provide focus on the use of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) as an important element of person centered care. MAT which assists individuals in dealing with cravings and symptoms of withdrawal has created an opportunity where individuals are staying connected to treatment for longer periods of time.

Ancillary Withdrawal utilizes medication management to address the symptoms of mild to moderate or persistent withdrawal. Those leaving detox not requiring acute withdrawal management, people who develop mild to moderate symptoms while in another level of care, to prevent acute withdrawal before acute withdrawal symptoms present, and for post-acute withdrawal syndrome can benefit from Ancillary Withdrawal Services.

In combination with other outpatient services, Ancillary withdrawal allows individuals to physically tolerate their symptoms while staying in their treatment/recovery community where they can continue to build long term support. By providing this environment Ancillary Withdrawal increases the individuals chances of long term success.

The following information is intended to guide Part 822 Providers in the use of Ancillary Withdrawal in their continuum of care. Providers are expected to incorporate the below information into their policies and procedures.

Who is appropriate for Ancillary Withdrawal?

- Those with Mild to Moderate or Persistent withdrawal
- Those recently discharged from a Part 816 Detox or other treatment service who is demonstrating Mild to Moderate or Persistent withdrawal symptoms
- Those who have been admitted to the Part 822 Program who whether initially or later on in treatment demonstrate symptoms of Mild to Moderate or Persistent withdrawal
- Those coming from outside of a treatment setting or from home that are demonstrating Mild to Moderate or Persistent withdrawal symptoms
- Those who do not require acute detoxification and or present with co-morbid acute medical or psychiatric disorders that require immediate care



How do we assess someone for Ancillary Withdrawal?

Conduct an assessment evaluation which includes:

- Medical Assessment
- History of withdrawal and detoxification
- Administration of the LOCADTR 3.0
- Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment (CIWA), Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale (COWS), or other validated standardized withdrawal tool for those who the LOCADTR indicates a need for Crisis Services
- Substance use and medicine history
- Assessment of behavioral and physical symptoms of withdrawal
- Brief Mental Health history including lethality screening

What happens after someone is assessed as needing Ancillary Withdrawal Services?

Document an initial plan of services which would include:

- Medical orders including
 - initial withdrawal symptoms
 - medication prescribed, dosage, frequency
 - schedule for monitoring vital signs and withdrawal symptoms
 - behavioral issues
 - signature by the prescribing professional within 24 hours
- Counseling services, group, individual, family
- Any additional support services as indicated by the person's identified needs
- A comprehensive treatment/recovery plan including the withdrawal should be developed with the person



What will we need to add to our program to provide Ancillary Withdrawal Services?

- Approved [Ancillary Withdrawal Services application](#)
- A prescribing professional readily available on site or by phone for problems and medication management
- Policies and procedures for providing the service including but not limited to:
 - A safety plan that addresses at a minimum
 - patient health
 - emergency procedures/contacts
 - safe transportation for those requiring immediate care
 - procedure for overdose
- Linkages with inpatient withdrawal services or emergency rooms

How will we be reimbursed for this service?

Reimbursement is via your current Medicaid methodology, commercial insurance, and/or self-pay

What rate and procedure codes should we use for Medicaid Reimbursement?

Providers can find both rate and procedure codes on the [OASAS Medicaid Billing Web page](#)

Resources

[Ancillary Withdrawal: Foundational Concepts & Elements of Transformation](#) gives an overview on the provision of Ancillary Withdrawal Services

Should you have questions, look at our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) section or email us at PICM@oasas.ny.gov.