

Detoxification Services

Location: Inpatient (Outpatient may be referred, but less common)

Client: Parent/Caregiver (Services for youth would be provided through an ICPR)

Payer: DCS/MCO/MRO

Summary:

Detoxification is a process for treating individuals who are physically dependent on alcohol or drugs, and includes the period of time during which the body's physiology is adjusting to the cessation of substance use. Inpatient detoxification provides living accommodations in a structured environment for individuals who require twenty four (24) hours per day supervision while withdrawing from toxic levels of consumption. Outpatient detoxification (ambulatory) provides the same services, but the client does not stay at the facility. Three immediate goals of detoxification shall include:

- Provide a safe withdrawal from the alcohol/drugs of dependent and enable the patient to become drug free.
- Provide withdrawal that is humane and protects the patient's dignity.
- Prepare the patient for ongoing treatment (residential or outpatient) of his or her alcohol and other drug dependence.

Detoxification services are paid at a per diem rate. The length of time for detoxification services is 2-6 days. A referral to the detoxification provider covers the cost of drug screens administered during services.