

Substance Use Disorder Assessment

Location: Office Based (Home Based with prior approval as needed-must be documented in provider case file)

Client: Parent/Caregiver

Duration: Short Term – Assessment to determine needs

Payer: DCS/MCO/MRO

Summary:

The goal of the initial substance use assessment is to evaluate the client's substance use, the client's level of functioning and the appropriate entrance into substance use treatment services. The assessment shall screen for child safety and how parental substance use impacts the risk of harm to the child. When a Substance Use Disorder Assessment is referred a referral to Redwood Toxicology is automatically generated in KidTraks. The Redwood referral is linked to the Substance Use Disorder Assessment referral to cover the drug screen provided during the assessment. One (1) drug screen must be completed as part of the Assessment.

A face-to-face clinical interview must take place with each referred individual. The face-to-face interview may take place in a clinical setting or in the client's home with prior approval from the referring worker. The provider must notify the referring worker of each no-show before the end of the next business day. A multi-axial system must be used to develop a comprehensive bio-psychosocial assessment that will include a mental status examination at the time of the initial appointment. Recommendations regarding the client's needs must be provided on each assessment report and shall provide a summary of information gained for all domains within the bio-psychosocial assessment.

The provider must be able to complete the initial assessment within 72 hours of the referral, if an emergency exists (defined as serious medical condition or pregnancy), or sooner, if the referring worker suspects the client is in need of detoxification services. For emergency assessments, the referring worker should receive verbal recommendations within 72 hours of the assessment and the written report within 7 calendar days. For non-emergency assessments, the provider should complete the assessment within 10 calendar days of referral and provide the written report within 10 calendar days of the assessment.

Assessments Include:

- Presenting Problem – description of issue the CLIENT believes led to the referral
- Substance Use History – detailed drug and alcohol use history using an approved assessment tool
- Drug Screen – one screen to be completed as part of the assessment
- Mental Health status – diagnoses, mood, affect, memory, judgement, etc.
- Physical Status – chronic diagnoses, symptoms, medications, surgeries, allergies
- Trauma – past trauma and impact on life functioning

- Life Domains – criminal history, educational level, employment status, financial status, housing situation, access to transportation
- Child Safety – risk of substance use to the child(ren)