

Public Notice Regarding the Comprehensive Substance Abuse Treatment (CSTAR) Program
Administered by the Department of Mental Health

February 23, 2022

Pursuant to Sections 1902(a)13(A) of the Social Security Act and 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 447.205, which mandate that proposed changes in statewide methods and standards for setting Medicaid payment rates be published and made available for review and comment, this is to advise that:

1. The Missouri Department of Mental Health provides notice of the following:

To ensure efficiency, economy, quality of care, and access, a State Plan Amendment for **Comprehensive Substance Abuse Treatment (CSTAR)** is being submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. This state plan amendment includes the following:

- Adds the American Society of Addiction (ASAM) levels of care for providers meeting ASAM criteria;
- Updates service descriptions and qualified practitioners for various services;
- Removes the face-to-face requirement for individual counseling, group counseling, collateral dependent counseling, and family therapy;
- Consolidates trauma individual counseling and co-occurring disorder individual counseling with Individual Counseling;
- Adds Crisis Intervention as a service;
- Updates the qualifications of practitioners;
- Adds Resident Physician, Medical Assistant, Paramedic, and Qualified Mental Health Professionals as practitioners.

This State Plan will be submitted under State Plan Transmittal Number 22-0005 and be effective for dates of service beginning April 1, 2022.

There is no fiscal impact to the department as these services will be provided out of existing appropriation.

2. Comments may be sent by regular mail, express or overnight mail, in person or by courier within thirty days after publication of this notice and must be sent or delivered to the following address:

MO HealthNet Division
615 Howerton Ct., 2nd Floor
Jefferson City, MO 65109
Attention: MHD Public Comment

Comments may also be emailed to Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov. Please use "Public Comment for CSTAR SPA" in the subject line. Comments must be received by March 25, 2022.

3. A copy of the proposed CSTAR State Plan Amendment is available for public review on the DSS/MHD website, by contacting DSS/MHD at Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov, or by going to any Family Support Division Office.
4. No public hearing will be held.