

# Substance Use Disorder Voucher (SUD Voucher) Overview

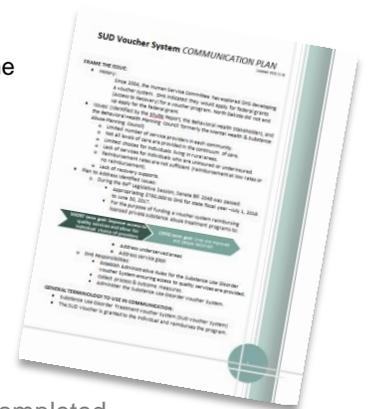
## Enrolled Senate Bill 2048

**SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT.** There is appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$750,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of human services for the purpose of establishing and administering a voucher system to address underserved areas and gaps in the state's substance abuse treatment system and to assist in the payment of addiction treatment services provided by private licensed substance abuse treatment programs, for the period beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017. Services eligible for the voucher program include only those levels of care recognized by the American society of addiction medicine, with particular emphasis given to underserved areas and programs. The department of human services shall ensure that a private licensed substance abuse treatment program accepting vouchers under this Act collects and reports process and outcome measures. The department of human services shall develop requirements and provide training and technical assistance to a private licensed substance abuse treatment program accepting vouchers under this Act. A private licensed substance abuse treatment program accepting vouchers under this Act shall provide evidence-based services. Before July 1, 2016, the department of human services shall provide a report to the legislative management regarding the rules adopted to establish and administer the voucher system to assist in the payment of addiction treatment services provided by private licensed substance abuse treatment programs.

**Fall 2015:** Department of Human Services Behavioral Health Division developed administrative rules.

**November 2015:** Communication plan was developed to ensure stakeholder feedback and participation.

**November 2015:** Public notice and enactment of the communication plan.



**December 2015:** Public hearing and feedback period completed.

**2015-2016:** Ongoing updates to key stakeholders in regard to the SUD Voucher (i.e. public and private SUD providers, Treatment Providers Coalition, ND Board of Addiction Counselors, Addiction Counselors Association).

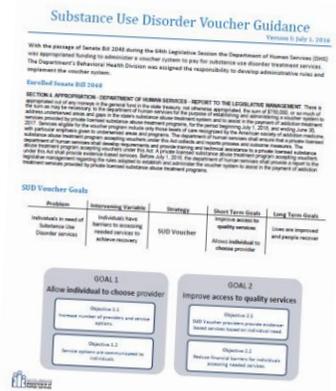
**Spring 2016:** Training and guidance documents developed for providers and administrators.

With the passage of Senate Bill 2048 during the 68th Legislative Session the Department of Human Services (DHS) was appropriated \$750,000 to fund a voucher system to pay for substance use disorder treatment services. The Department's Behavioral Health Division was assigned the responsibility to develop administrative rules and implement the voucher system.

**June 7, 2016:** Twenty people attended **SUD Voucher Training** representing thirteen (13) licensed substance treatment programs.

**June 14, 2016:** Administrative Rules Committee Hearing

**July 1, 2016:** Launch of SUD Voucher. Guidance provided to all treatment providers.



# Services Reimbursed & Data Collection

- ▶ Screening
- ▶ Assessment
- ▶ Individual Therapy
- ▶ Group Therapy
- ▶ Family Therapy
- ▶ Room & Board
- ▶ Recovery Coaching
- ▶ Urine Analysis
- ▶ Transportation

The Behavioral Health Division continues to review and monitor the program to assess for potential additional services such as **medication assisted treatment** and **case management services**, as funding allows.

## Process & Outcome Measures

	Process Measures	Outcome Measures
What is it?	Describes what was <i>DONE</i>	Identifies <i>RESULTS</i>
What is an Example?	How many individuals were served or how many individuals completed treatment.	What percentage of individuals experienced improvement in health, home, community, and purpose?
How is it captured?	Questions will be imbedded into the Individual SUD Voucher Application and Prior Authorization and Continued Stay Forms.	Providers will complete a Pre and a Post SUD Voucher Service Data Form found on-line.
Why is this important?	Process Measures will assist with identifying what services were provided across ND and who has accessed the SUD Voucher.	Outcome measures will identify the effectiveness of the services provided under the SUD Voucher.

Ultimately, process and outcome measures will assist with future planning and funding, identify where targeted training and technical assistance is needed, and to provide information to the ND Legislature and Stakeholders

