Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher Program

The Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Voucher Program administered by the North Dakota Department of Human Services’ Behavioral Health Division will be suspending new individual applications starting July 1, 2020. New provider applications will be suspended as well.

The SUD Voucher program was initiated during the 2015 legislative session and began serving individuals in 2016. North Dakota Century Code 50-06-42 identifies the goal of the voucher funding to improve access to quality substance use disorder treatment services and allow for individual choice, by providing reimbursement where other third-party reimbursement is not available.

The SUD Voucher budget for the 2019-2021 biennium is $7,997,294. Twenty-one providers are providing voucher services and more than 2,300 individuals are actively being served through the voucher. The Division will continue to provide reimbursement for eligible services for individuals already active in the program.

In order to continue serving the state’s underserved areas and gaps in the state’s substance abuse treatment system, the department is exploring additional funding sources to provide opportunities for reimbursement for services for individuals no longer able to be on the SUD Voucher and aren’t eligible for other reimbursement.

For further information and updates on the SUD Voucher, visit www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/sudvoucher.

The division is responsible for reviewing and identifying service needs and activities in the state’s behavioral health system to ensure health and safety, access to services and quality services. It also establishes quality assurance standards for the licensure of substance use disorder program services and facilities and provides policy leadership in partnership with public and private entities. For more information, visit www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/.

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