

NORTHCARE NETWORK

POLICY TITLE: Managing the Substance Abuse Provider Network
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SECTION: Network Management

PURPOSE:

To define a common set of policies for the management of the substance abuse provider network throughout the region. NorthCare will manage the Substance Abuse Network as follows: NorthCare will delegate the tasks identified below to the Pathways CA/NorthCare CDR for the tasks identified below.

POLICY:

1. All substance abuse treatment providers who are licensed by the State of Michigan and accredited by a recognized national accrediting body will be afforded the opportunity to contract with the Coordinating Agency.
2. Those providers that qualify per the above will be offered a fee for service contract through the Coordinating Agency.
3. All pertinent provisions relative to Medicaid and other funded services will be spelled out in the Coordinating Agencies' provider contract and related documents, including references to the NorthCare Substance Abuse Services Operating Procedures Manual and related policies.
4. All providers shall be evaluated annually per the site review protocol. Copies of these site reviews will be filed with NorthCare according to a prearranged schedule.
5. Providers will be considered for subsequent contracts based on program performance criteria, service utilization, client satisfaction, and cost effectiveness.
6. NorthCare will participate in the Regional Program Directors meetings in order to maintain regular communication on issues related to network management and quality service provision.
7. Substance Abuse providers will follow the NorthCare practice guidelines developed for screening and assessing clients with co-occurring disorders.
8. Substance Abuse providers will follow the NorthCare practice guidelines for the treatment of substance use disorders.