

Provider Notice

Subject: Magellan Healthcare is contracting with providers to provide ASAM Level 2-WM Ambulatory Withdrawal Management with Extended On-Site Monitoring

This level of care is an organized outpatient service, which may be delivered in an office setting, health care or addiction treatment facility by trained clinicians, who provide medically supervised evaluation, withdrawal management and referral services. The care is delivered in an office/health care setting or behavioral health treatment facility. These services are designed to treat the individual's level of clinical severity to achieve safe and comfortable withdrawal from mood-altering chemicals and to effectively facilitate the individual's entry into ongoing treatment and recovery. Withdrawal management is conducted on an outpatient basis. It is important for medical and nursing personnel to be readily available to evaluate and confirm that withdrawal management in the less supervised setting is relatively safe. Counseling services may be available through the withdrawal management program or may be accessed through affiliation with entities providing outpatient services. Ambulatory withdrawal management is provided in conjunction with ASAM Level 2.1 intensive outpatient treatment services.

ASAM Level 2-WM services are available to members who exhibit:

- Acute intoxication and/or withdrawal potential;
- Biomedical conditions and complications - None or sufficiently stable to permit participation in ambulatory withdrawal management in an outpatient setting;
- Emotional, behavioral or cognitive conditions and complications - None to moderate. If present, complications can be safely addressed through monitoring, medication and treatment;
- Readiness to change
- Relapse, continued use or continued problem potential
- Recovery environment

For complete details please view Section 2.4 of the [Medicaid Behavioral Health Services Provider Manual](#).

If you are interested, contact Sharonda Gray at sgray@magellanhealth.com.

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