



## ASAM Criteria 4th Edition Service Updates and Rate Revisions

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana (UHC) is sharing [IB 25-31: ASAM Criteria 4<sup>th</sup> Edition Service and Rate Revisions](#) on behalf of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH). Louisiana Legislature has allocated funding to support increased reimbursement rates for substance use disorder (SUD) service providers under Medicaid. LDH will implement this by either adopting new rates developed by third-party actuaries in accordance with the 4th Edition of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria or by continuing the temporary 25% rate increase that began on October 1, 2024, whichever is higher.

These updates will take effect on January 1, 2026, for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 18 and older. LDH has revised the [Specialized Behavioral Health Services \(SBHS\) fee schedule](#) to reflect these changes.

Please note that room and board rates are no longer considered State Plan services and will now be reimbursed at the discretion of UHC.

The chart below reflects the upcoming changes. Red text indicates fields that have been changed, and strikethrough text indicates fields that will be removed.

| Code             | Description                                                                               | Modifier      | Unit           | Age            | Master's Level (HO) | Bachelor's Level (HN) | Less than Bachelor's (HM) | Other Per Diem     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| H0001            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG ASSESSMENT - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>                                |               | Visit          | 0-17           | \$81.59             | <del>\$67.95</del>    | \$54.30                   |                    |
| H0001            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG ASSESSMENT - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>                                |               | Visit          | 18+            | \$81.59             | <del>\$79.81</del>    | <del>\$78.03</del>        |                    |
| H0004            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>                     |               | 15 min         | 0-17           | \$17.66             | <del>\$15.97</del>    | \$14.28                   |                    |
| H0004            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>                     |               | 15 min         | 18+            | <del>\$18.57</del>  | <del>\$16.80</del>    | <del>\$15.02</del>        |                    |
| H0005            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - GROUP (PER PERSON) - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>             | HQ            | Visit          | 0-17           | \$11.54             | <del>\$9.84</del>     | \$8.15                    |                    |
| H0005            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - GROUP (PER PERSON) - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>             |               | Visit          | 18+            | \$11.54             | <del>\$11.03</del>    | <del>\$10.51</del>        |                    |
| H0005            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - FAMILY (PER FAMILY MEMBER) - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>     | HR, HS        | Visit          | 0-17           | \$26.91             | <del>\$22.98</del>    | \$19.04                   |                    |
| H0005            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - FAMILY (PER FAMILY MEMBER) - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>     |               |                | 18+            | \$26.91             | <del>\$25.52</del>    | <del>\$24.12</del>        |                    |
| H0011            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - ACUTE DETOX 3.7-WM - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>             | TG            | Day            | 21+            |                     |                       |                           | \$425.61           |
| <del>H0011</del> | <del>ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - ACUTE DETOX 3.7-WM ROOM AND BOARD</del>               | <del>SE</del> | <del>Day</del> | <del>21+</del> |                     |                       |                           | <del>\$43.50</del> |
| <del>H0012</del> | <del>ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - SUBACUTE DETOX 3.2-WM ROOM AND BOARD</del>            | <del>SE</del> | <del>Day</del> | <del>21+</del> |                     |                       |                           | <del>\$47.85</del> |
| H0014            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - AMBULATORY DETOX 2.7 - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>           |               | Day            | 0+             |                     |                       |                           | \$202.38           |
| H0015            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - INTENSIVE OUTPATIENT 2.1 GROUP - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i> |               | Day            | 0+             | \$180.00            | \$150.00              | \$120.00                  |                    |

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| <del>H0019</del> | <del>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LONG TERM RESIDENTIAL - 3.3 - Effective 10/1/24</del>                 | <del>HF</del>     | <del>Day</del> | <del>21+</del> |                     |                       |                           | <del>\$104.38</del> |
| <del>H0019</del> | <del>BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LONG TERM RESIDENTIAL - 3.3 ROOM AND BOARD</del>                      | <del>SE, HF</del> | <del>Day</del> | <del>21+</del> |                     |                       |                           | <del>\$21.50</del>  |
| H2034            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - HALFWAY HOUSE 3.1 - Effective 10/1/2024                       |                   | Day            | 0-17           |                     |                       |                           | \$75.19             |
| H2034            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - HALFWAY HOUSE 3.1 - Effective 1/1/2026                        |                   | Day            | 18+            |                     |                       |                           | \$120.26            |
| H2034            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - HALFWAY HOUSE 3.1 (PRENATAL/POST PARTUM) - Effective 1/1/2026 | TH                | Day            | 18-59          |                     |                       |                           | \$150.55            |
| <del>H2034</del> | <del>ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - HALFWAY HOUSE 3.1 ROOM AND BOARD</del>                   | <del>SE</del>     | <del>Day</del> | <del>21+</del> |                     |                       |                           | <del>\$14.70</del>  |
| H2036            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.5 - Effective 10/1/24                              |                   | Day            | 0-17           |                     |                       |                           | \$265.59            |
| H2036            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.5 - Effective 1/1/2026                             |                   | Day            | 18+            |                     |                       |                           | \$303.67            |
| <del>H2036</del> | <del>ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.5 ROOM AND BOARD</del>                        | <del>SE</del>     | <del>Day</del> | <del>21+</del> |                     |                       |                           | <del>\$31.62</del>  |
| H2036            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.5 (PRENATAL/POST PARTUM) - Effective 10/1/24       | TH                | Day            | 10-17          |                     |                       |                           | \$265.59            |
| H2036            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.5 (PRENATAL/POST PARTUM) - Effective 1/1/2026      | TH                | Day            | 18-59          |                     |                       |                           | \$364.24            |
| H2036            | ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.7 - Effective 10/1/24                              | TG                | Day            | 21+            |                     |                       |                           | \$404.13            |
| <del>H2036</del> | <del>ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.7 ROOM AND BOARD</del>                        | <del>SE, TG</del> | <del>Day</del> | <del>21+</del> |                     |                       |                           | <del>\$56.26</del>  |

UHC will update their claims processing systems within 90 days of the bulletin's release to ensure proper adjudication of ASAM services at the new rates and age brackets. UHC will reprocess any claims not paid correctly for services rendered on or after January 1, 2026, within 15 days of implementing system changes.

The chart excerpt from the Specialized Behavioral Health Services Fee Schedule is for informational purposes only. Please refer to the link above for the most current fee schedule on file.

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LDH has published Informational Bulletin 25-31 for your reference [IB25-31 revised-11.05.25.pdf](#).

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