



October 15, 2008

TO: All State Funded Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers

FROM: Business Psychology Associates

RE: GAIN I Assessments, (excluding 19-2524, 20-520(i) and residential clients)

EFFECTIVE: October 15, 2008

Due to the increasing amount of clients qualifying for state funding and the lack of capacity for GAIN I qualified staff, providers are experiencing delays in scheduling clients for their initial assessment appointment.

In response to this client need, The Office of Drug Policy, DHW and BPA have teamed together to develop an interim plan to assist providers in engaging and scheduling their clients in a more productive and efficient manner. The plan will temporarily allow providers to treat clients for a brief period of time until the GAIN I is completed.

This plan requires a temporary suspension of the IDAPA rule 16.06.03 111. Individualized Treatment Plan governing individualized treatment plans, which DHW has approved. The suspension of this rule will remain in place for a period of time until additional QP staff can be GAIN trained (Further communication will follow at later date regarding the training plan).

The suspension of the IDAPA rule will allow providers to engage a client in services to include case management, individual, and group treatment until a GAIN I is completed. Providers must complete the GAIN I within 60 days from the date of the authorization voucher. **(Please note that client appropriateness for any treatment modality needs to be considered).**

All providers are expected to document the reasons for the delay in completing the assessment and justify the treatment modalities used prior to completion of the assessment and treatment plan. Following the completion of the assessment, providers must develop a detailed individualized treatment plan within 7 days per the IDAPA standards.

Providers will receive an assessment/treatment authorization for a 60 day time period based on the level of care the client met in the screening process. The provider must complete the assessment within 60 days and submit a copy of the *GAIN-I Recommendation and Referral Summary (G-RRS)* to BPA in order to receive additional treatment units. The submission must include a cover letter justifying the level of care placement.

Failure to complete the assessment and submit the required paperwork to BPA in the allotted time frame may result in sanctions and penalties up to recoupment of claims dollars.

Please note, this accommodation is being made in order to ensure clients are served while GAIN training is being conducted. **This suspension will be temporary, and it is imperative that your staff participate in GAIN training as soon as it is available in your area.**

BPA would like to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and acknowledge the hard work you have given to this network. If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact your Regional Coordinators or the Manager of Provider Relations, Suzette Driscoll at 208-947-1318.

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Sincerely,

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