

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**(SPA 25-0021)**

**8D-4 Clinically Managed Population-Specific High Intensity Residential Program (ASAM Level 3.3)**

As a part of the 1115 Substance Use Disorder Demonstration Waiver the State is amending the State Plan to add Clinically Managed Population Specific High Intensity Residential Program (ASAM Level 3.3) to increase access to SUD services; and align existing SUD services with The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, Third Edition, 2013.

Clinically Managed Population Specific High Intensity Residential Program (ASAM Level 3.3) is a 24-hour structured recovery environment in combination with high-intensity clinical services to treat functional and cognitive limitations and to support recovery from substance use disorders. The effects of the substance use disorder combined with the cognitive limitations are such that outpatient or other levels of residential care are not feasible or effective.

The new rate will be established at \$458.02 per diem effective January 1, 2026. This new rate is intended to sustain provider participation within the Medicaid program, address some of the increased cost of the service, and support access to care statewide.

This amendment will become effective January 1, 2026.

The annual estimated State Fiscal Impact of this change is:

- a. SFY 2026    **\$248,700**
- b. SFY 2027    **\$487,532**

A copy of the proposed public notice may be viewed at the County Department of Social Services. Questions, comments and requests for copies of the proposed State Plan amendment should be directed to the Division of Health Benefits at the address listed below:

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