

## January 2025 chat questions and answers

**Q: Will there no longer be a lower rate paid for OO span only clients? Will OO span clients pay at the 1115 rate?**

A: Correct. The most recent state plan approved by CMS established one set of rates for SUD services regardless of major program OO or MA which adopted the 1115 Waiver Base Rate.

**Q: Upon submitting the BHF Service Request and BHF Provider Assurance Statement documents to MHCP, how can we confirm that our programs have successfully been certified for ASAM 2.5?**

A: Programs should be able to see the levels of care they are enrolled to provide in the [MPSE portal](#). Additionally, the [MHCP Provider Directory](#) would have this information as well.

**Q: For ASAM Trainings with Train for Change, there should be an option to cancel on the registration page if you need to change to one of the new dates, rather than to send someone an email to be removed from the class. Also, the Thursday/Friday skill building class seems to have filled up the fastest, so maybe it would be good to offer a few more options on those days.**

A: Thanks for the feedback. We were able to work with Train for Change to get an “unenroll” button added to the site.

**Q: What is the effective date for the 1115 waiver rate? for all funding?**

A: We hope to have the systems processed soon. Communication will be provided when there is a new base rate for all providers for SUD services, regardless of MA or BHF funding.

**Q: In reviewing the Gov's budget, it is disheartening to see that rate increases were excluded. Providers have been waiting for years to get action after a rate study and now it seems they will need to wait longer. We appreciate what you're doing in BHA, but current rates are not covering costs.**

A: Noted.

**Q: Maybe at the next meeting, could you have legislative staff attend to present on SUD components in the proposal?**

A: Thank you for the suggestion, it is being brought to the legislative team to see if they are available.