


**SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES
STANDARDS OF CARE**

HRSA DEFINITION

Support for Substance Abuse Treatment Services- Outpatient, provided by or under the supervision of a physician or other qualified/licensed personnel; may include use of funds to expand HIV-specific capacity of programs if timely access to treatment and counseling is not otherwise available.

Services limited to the following:

- Pre-treatment/recovery readiness programs
- Harm reduction
- Mental health counseling to reduce depression, anxiety, and other disorders associated with substance abuse
- Outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling
- Opiate Assisted Therapy
- Neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals
- Relapse prevention
- Limited acupuncture services with a written referral from the client's primary health care provider, provided by certified or licensed practitioners wherever State certification or licensure exists
- Services provided must include a treatment plan that calls only for allowable activities and includes:
 - The quantity, frequency, and modality of treatment provided
 - The date treatment begins and ends
 - Regular monitoring and assessment of client progress
 - The signature of the individual providing the service and or the supervisor as applicable

GOAL

Assist in the adherence of primary medical care, HIV medications, and improvement of HIV health outcomes.

Provide medical treatment and/or counseling to address substance abuse problems in an outpatient setting.

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HIRING STANDARDS

- All program staff should meet Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Standards of Care requirements for staff qualifications.

TRAINING STANDARDS

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- All program staff should abide by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Standards of Care requirements for training.

JOB PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- All program staff should abide by the DSHS Standards of Care requirements for job performance.
- Screening for potential substance abuse issues must utilize an accepted and proven screening tool and be conducted by a qualified staff member.

REPORTING STANDARDS

- All program staff should abide by the Texas Department of State Health Services Standards of Care requirements for reporting.