



ASAM Criteria 4th Edition Service Updates and Rate Revisions

UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Louisiana (UHC) is sharing [IB 25-31: ASAM Criteria 4th 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	\$67.95	\$54.30	
H0001	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG ASSESSMENT - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>		Visit	18+	\$81.59	\$79.81	\$78.03	
H0004	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>		15 min	0-17	\$17.66	\$15.97	\$14.28	
H0004	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - INDIVIDUAL - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>		15 min	18+	\$18.57	\$16.80	\$15.02	
H0005	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - GROUP (PER PERSON) - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>	HQ	Visit	0-17	\$11.54	\$9.84	\$8.15	
H0005	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - GROUP (PER PERSON) - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>		Visit	18+	\$11.54	\$11.03	\$10.51	
H0005	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - FAMILY (PER FAMILY MEMBER) - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>	HR, HS	Visit	0-17	\$26.91	\$22.98	\$19.04	
H0005	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - FAMILY (PER FAMILY MEMBER) - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>			18+	\$26.91	\$25.52	\$24.12	
H0011	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - ACUTE DETOX 3.7-WM - <i>Effective 1/1/2026</i>	TG	Day	21+				\$425.61
H0011	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - ACUTE DETOX 3.7-WM ROOM AND BOARD	SE	Day	21+				\$43.50
H0012	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - SUBACUTE DETOX 3.2-WM ROOM AND BOARD	SE	Day	21+				\$47.85
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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H0019	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LONG TERM RESIDENTIAL - 3.3 - Effective 10/1/24	HF	Day	21+				\$104.38
H0019	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LONG TERM RESIDENTIAL - 3.3 ROOM AND BOARD	SE, HF	Day	21+				\$21.50
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
H2034	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG SERVICES - HALFWAY HOUSE 3.1 ROOM AND BOARD	SE	Day	21+				\$14.70
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
H2036	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.5 ROOM AND BOARD	SE	Day	21+				\$31.62
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
H2036	ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUG TREATMENT PROGRAM - 3.7 ROOM AND BOARD	SE, TG	Day	21+				\$56.26

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.

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

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