

**Governor's Commission on Medicaid Care Management**  
**Recommendation #4**  
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The Governor's Commission on Medicaid Care Management hereby recommends provision of treatment for Substance Use Disorders as a critical health care intervention in the Medicaid Care Management Program.

This recommendation is based on testimony heard over the past several months at Medicaid Care Management Commission documenting the effectiveness that treating substance use disorders has on the overall health and wellness of an individual and the subsequent improvement in the efficient use of health care services. It is also based on testimony and information contained in the Lewin III report which estimates the state will save seven dollars for every dollar spent on treatment of substance use disorders.

The Commission recommends to the Governor that the State of New Hampshire develop and deploy a plan for providing substance use disorder treatment for Medicaid enrollees across the State and that this plan shall:

- Emphasize the importance of integrating substance use disorder treatment into overall health and wellness including Patient Centered Medical Homes, as well as when substance use disorders are co-occurring with mental illness and/or other medical conditions and are supported by Health Homes emphasizing behavioral health.
- Include the array of best practices and evidenced based services as outlined in the consensus treatment summary document provided to the Medicaid Care Management Commission by New Futures in a letter to the Commission dated February 3, 2013 and presented to the Commission at our meeting on February 6, 2013
- Be offered to all Medicaid beneficiaries
- Be offered to all Medicaid Beneficiaries as soon after it is offered to the Medicaid Expansion population as feasible and that implementation not be delayed to coincide with implementation of the entire Step 2 program.
- Include a reimbursement incentive for providers who have additional training in addictions or co-occurring disorders.
- Include a temporary provision which allows Masters Level Drug and Alcohol (MLADAC) and other Licensed Mental Health providers to supervise non licensed Master's level clinicians in order to build capacity for treating substance use disorders and to meet initial demands for treatment.

The Medicaid Managed Care Commission also recommends that the Governor and Department of Health and Human Services work with the NH Insurance Department to ensure all private insurance plans offer a comprehensive array of treatment modalities for substance use disorders as outlined in the New Futures consensus document referenced above.