

## **Clinical Guidelines and Related Provider Requirements: Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD)**

Community Behavioral Health (CBH) has adopted Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) to outline best practices for the treatment of specific disorders or certain populations. These guidelines outline best practices for such treatments and will be used by CBH to assess the quality of care provided to CBH members. As such, providers are advised to review and, where appropriate, implement these best practices in their care. CPGs apply to all clinical settings where care is delivered to members. CPGs should be used in conjunction with any level-of-care-specific performance standards, as well as all other required CBH, NIAC, state, and federal regulations and standards.

CBH has updated the existing guidelines for the treatment of alcohol use disorder. The most recent version of all CPGs can be found in Section 7.2., “Clinical Practice Guidelines,” of the [CBH Provider Manual](#).

To ensure alignment and best practices, CBH recommends that providers review the CPGs and make any necessary updates or revisions to provider policies and procedures.

Adherence to the CPGs will be assessed through CBH monitoring and oversight, including Quality, Clinical, and Compliance Department protocols. Additionally, components may be reviewed as part of the Network Improvement and Accountability Collaborative (NIAC) initial and recredentialing reviews. To assess quality of care and align with state and regulatory requirements, CBH will also be utilizing several specific metrics for the CPG, which are detailed in the table below.

<i>Clinical Guidelines</i>	<i>Quality Metrics</i>
<a href="#"><u>Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD)</u></a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ HEDIS IET: Initiation and Engagement of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse or Dependence Treatment</li> <li>➤ Percentage of members with AUD diagnosis who are receiving MAT and counseling</li> <li>➤ HEDIS FUI: Follow Up After High-Intensity Care for Substance Use Disorder</li> </ul>

These requirements take effect on December 30, 2022. Please direct questions regarding *Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder* to [stephanie.byers@phila.gov](mailto:stephanie.byers@phila.gov).