

Chemical Dependency/Substance Abuse Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. Who can apply for services?

A. Any individual seeking Behavioral Health Funding for a Comprehensive Assessment or Rule 25 assessment to determine substance use disorders MUST apply themselves, regardless of age. Minors have the right to apply on their own, without parental consent. Incarcerated individuals should speak with jail program staff regarding processes available to them to contact our agency.

Q. With whom will my information be shared?

A. Due to data privacy laws, your information cannot be shared with anyone outside of the Wright County Chemical Dependency Unit without a signed release of information from you specifying information that may be shared. Information about you cannot be shared with other Human Services programs or Court Services without a release of information. Information would only be shared without your consent if there were a significant risk of danger to yourself or others.

Q. What is the difference between a Rule 24 and Rule 25 Assessment?

A. Rule 24 is a short application process that is conducted over the phone or in person to determine whether or not an individual qualifies for substance abuse services funded through the Behavioral Health Fund, formerly known as Consolidated Chemical Dependency Treatment Fund (CCDTF). This includes funding for a Comprehensive Assessment or Rule 25 Assessment (see below) and treatment services if recommended. Residency, insurance, household size, and income are among the factors discussed during the Rule 24 eligibility determination process. Written documentation may be required before approval of funding can be authorized. Comprehensive Assessment or Rule 25 is the actual substance use assessment process. This is a detailed evaluation that will assess an individual's substance use concerns to determine if treatment services are necessary. This assessment takes approximately one hour to complete.

Q. If I have insurance, will I qualify for Rule 24 funding?

A. Depending on your insurance coverage, you may or may not qualify for Behavioral Health Fund, formerly known as CCDTF funding. Insurance eligibility factors will be discussed as part of the Rule 24 funding assessment. If you know you are on a Pre-paid Medical Assistance Program (PMAP) for health insurance, you should contact your specific provider for substance abuse services.

PMAP Contact Information:

UCARE – 612-676-6500

Medica – 800-848-8327

Health Partners – 952-883-5811

Blue Cross Blue Shield / Blue Plus – number located on insurance card

Q. Can I get a Comprehensive Assessment or Rule 25 assessment the same day I call?

A. Not typically. After you are approved for Behavioral Health Funding, you are able to schedule that Comprehensive Assessment at your preferred provider. If you are not familiar with available providers, our Chemical Health Intake can assist you with finding these resources.

Q. If a Rule 25 assessment is court ordered, will I be seen faster?

A. No. The process remains the same for all clients.