



House File 2310 Substance Abuse Data Summary - January 16, 2009

Background and Funding

The IDPH Division of Behavioral Health is responsible for licensing and regulating substance abuse treatment programs in Iowa. The Division also administers the federal block grant and state appropriations that fund substance abuse treatment for Iowans without insurance or Medicaid (Title 19) or other resources to pay for services. IDPH funding is a set amount of money every year, determined by the U.S. and Iowa legislatures. Prospective clients access IDPH-funded services by going to their local IDPH-funded provider for an assessment and treatment recommendation. Providers are required to assess a client co-pay for IDPH-funded services, using a sliding fee scale based on client ability to pay. IDPH funding must be the funding of last resort.

Since 1995, IDPH-funded substance abuse services have been part of the Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health. Medicaid-funded mental health and substance abuse services are also part of the Iowa Plan. Iowa Plan substance abuse covered services include:

- Assessment
 - multiple Outpatient levels of care
 - Halfway House
 - Residential treatment
 - * substance abuse PMIC
 - * Inpatient hospitalization
 - * Detoxification
- (* Services covered by Medicaid; not covered by IDPH funding)

For provision of Medicaid-funded services, the Iowa Plan contractor, Magellan Behavioral Health, contracts with all licensed substance abuse treatment programs. For IDPH-funded services, Magellan competitively procures and contracts with a limited panel of substance abuse treatment programs.

IDPH Substance Abuse Data System

IDPH has a web-based client data system entitled I-SMART (Iowa Service Management and Reporting Tool) that allows IDPH, Magellan, and Iowa Plan substance abuse treatment providers to administer and report services. I-SMART gathers TEDS (Treatment Encounter Data Set) information as required by the federal block grant and includes NOMs (National Outcome Measures) elements. Providers enter demographic and clinical information into I-SMART and can also use it as their clinical record system. I-SMART has a question on clients with children aged 17 and younger living with them. Reported data for that question for clients receiving substance abuse services between July 1 and September 30, 2008 are noted in the table below:

I-SMART Data on Substance Abuse Clients with Children ≤ 17yo Living with Client			
July 1-September 30, 2008			
Clients Receiving Assessment Only		Clients in Treatment	
Total # Clients	# Clients w/Children	Total # Clients	# Clients w/Children
9,705	2,124 (21.9%)	18,445	4,133 (22.4%)

Note: I-SMART data can be sorted in multiple ways including:

- client age and gender
- referral source, e.g. DHS
- substance(s) used, e.g. Methamphetamine
- treatment funding source, e.g. IDPH funding, Medicaid