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Implementation of Act 156, Sec. E.313(b) – Status Update
Vermont Department of Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs
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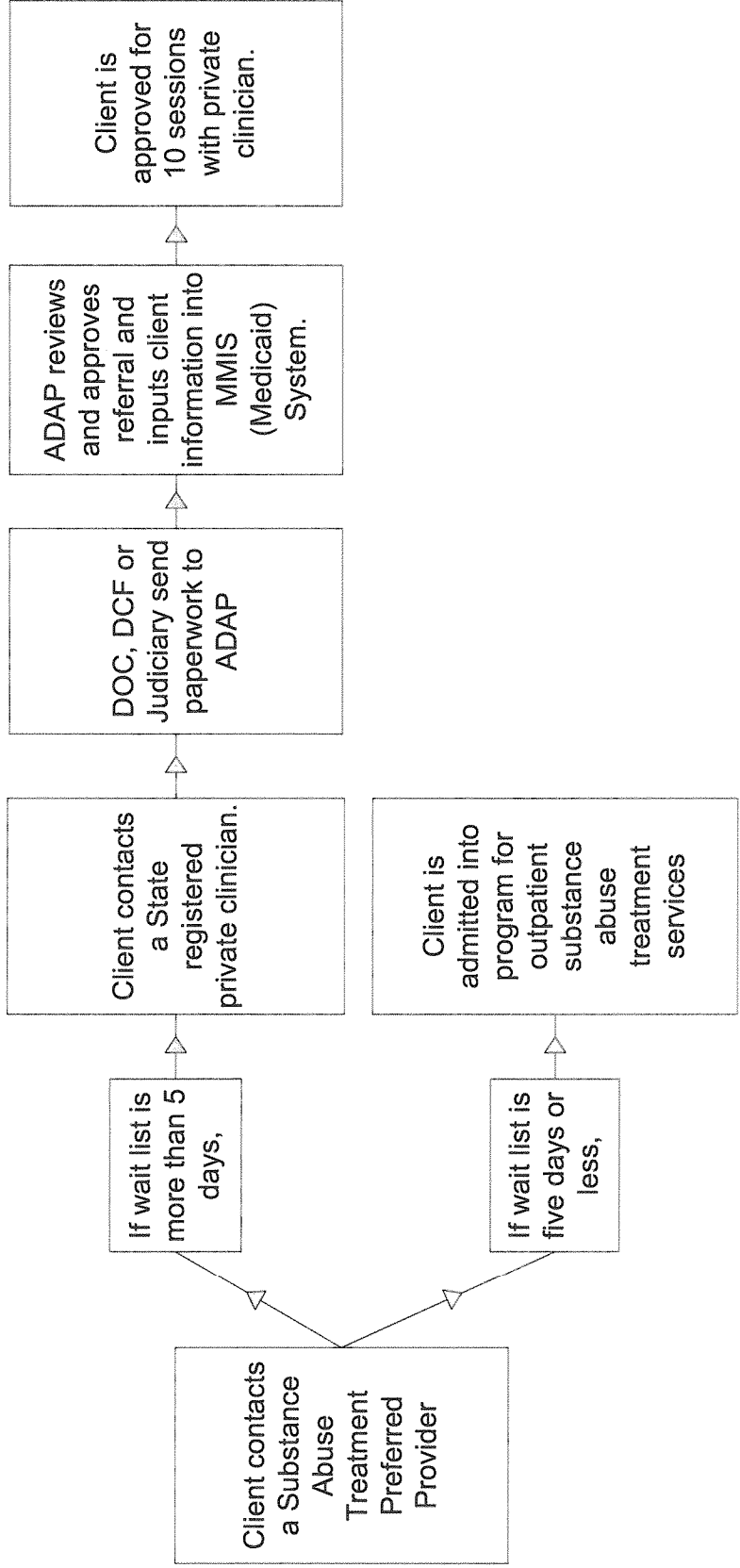
IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE:

1. All private practitioners (LADCs) have been sent an informational letter about the “Waiting List Pilot” and application form, with a deadline of November 1. As of that deadline 83 applications were received.
2. A follow up letter has been sent to the applicants (attached). This letter explains the next steps that they have to complete, which are to enroll as a Medicaid provider and to attend a mandatory training. These steps must be completed before they can accept a referral. There are two training dates scheduled in November; the training can be done via a call-in number or in person.
3. ADAP staff has been trained on the MMIS system; they will enroll each private practitioner and patient for services authorized.
4. All required procedures have been developed and approved between VDH and DHVA.
5. Rates have been established, which are the same rates as the private mental health clinicians.
6. ADAP Treatment Chief has met with managers from DOC, DCF and the Court Administrator’s Office to develop project referral protocols. The project will begin with the DOC probation officers, DCF case managers in the Family Services Division and the drug courts/Sparrow Project for the Judiciary. DOC and DCF are being trained and the court staff will be trained within the next two weeks.
7. Deputy Commissioner will be meeting with Preferred Providers on November 18 to give them a status update. Ongoing discussions have been occurring throughout development.
8. All information concerning this project, including the list of approved practitioners, will be uploaded to VDH/ADAP’s website for ease of use throughout the pilot.
9. Projected date for full implementation is January 3, 2011.



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Waiting List Procedures – Referrals to LADCs





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Interested Substance Abuse Providers,

Thank you for your interest in providing substance abuse services to Adolescent and Adult Vermonters through the Waiting List Pilot Program. We have accepted your application which moves you to the second part of this process.

1. The first step is to get a National Provider Identifier (NPI) number. You may call NPI at 1-800-465-3203 or go to their website at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> to get this number.
2. The second step in the process is to enroll with Vermont Medicaid as a Provider. This is a requirement for any provider to be eligible to draw down Medicaid funds. You have two options for enrolling. The first is to go to www.vtmedicaid.com/Downloads/forms.html and fill out the necessary paperwork. You will note that you need to send in a copy of your license to validate this process as well as the above mentioned NPI number. **You may also enroll at the mandatory billing seminar.**
3. The third step is to attend a mandatory billing training. Two billing trainings will be offered, one on November 22 from 1-3 and the other on November 30 from 10-12. The trainings will occur at 312 Hurricane Lane, Williston, Vermont. **You may do this training in person or call in to the following number 866-502-8312 participant code 717944.** Participation in one of the trainings is required even if you hold a current mental health license.

We will need your enrollment and training to be concluded before you are officially uploaded as a provider in this pilot and given a Medicaid number to bill for services. Medicaid funds will only be able to be drawn down after ADAP approves the referral and completes the necessary documentation for Medicaid (HP). Patients referred to you under the pilot can receive a maximum of **ten outpatient** sessions. This excludes group or IOP (Intensive Outpatient services). **It is important that when you get a referral that the client's name be placed on the Preferred Provider's waiting list in case clinical need exceeds the ten sessions.** Please be aware that there is no guarantee that you will receive any patient referrals under this pilot. No new patient referrals will occur after June 30, 2011. It is important to plan accordingly.

At this time we are optimistic that this pilot will start on January 3, 2011. If you have questions regarding the pilot feel free to call me, Jackie Corbally, at 802-863-7208. If your questions are specific to the training, enrollment or getting your NPI number, please call Jean Gadue at 802-857-2948.

Once again thank you for your interest in working with Vermonters needing treatment for substance use disorders.

Sincerely,

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