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# REPORTING ON

## MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE PROGRAM



The Empire Plan Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) Program can help you receive the treatment and care you need if you experience mental health or substance use issues. Receiving the appropriate treatment from a network provider or facility can help you get on the right path toward your recovery.



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Plan

For Empire Plan Enrollees and for their enrolled Dependents, COBRA Enrollees with their Empire Plan benefits and Young Adult Option Enrollees

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## BENEFITS OF CHOOSING A NETWORK PROVIDER

Choosing to receive mental health and substance use treatment from an Empire Plan Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) network provider offers you the highest level of care. According to program data, there are benefits to choosing a network provider instead of receiving treatment from an out-of-network provider.

### Higher Success Rates

Patients who are seen by a mental health practitioner within the first 30 days after discharge from a mental health facility are less likely to be readmitted. A follow-up visit within the first 30 days allows you to build a relationship with an outpatient provider that can have long-term benefits, including avoiding readmission beyond the first 30 days. Empire Plan in-network mental health facilities have overall better outcomes than non-network facilities, including follow up after hospitalization and readmission rates.

### Treatment and Support

Empire Plan MHSU network facilities also more frequently offer medication assisted treatment (MAT) to enrollees who are seeking substance use treatment. MAT is the use of FDA-approved medication, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to treat opioid misuse.

### Additional Levels of Support

Empire Plan MHSU network facilities also provide additional levels of support and treatment. In order to help ensure the best possible outcome for enrollees, network facilities are involved in making sure the enrollee has support after completing treatment. This support may include family members, sponsors, sober housing, connections to Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous and outpatient treatment options.



## FINDING A NETWORK PROVIDER

The Empire Plan MHSU Program offers several ways for you to find a network provider:

**Call The Empire Plan at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and press or say 3 for the MHSU Program.** Calling The Empire Plan before receiving services for a mental health or substance use issue can help ensure you receive a referral to a network provider and locate a provider who is accepting new patients. Note that certain MHSU services require certification that they are medically necessary. For information on services that require precertification and to precertify services, call the Empire Plan MHSU Program.

**Once you reach the Empire Plan MHSU Program, choose option 3 for the Clinical Referral Line.** The Clinical Referral Line is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. It is staffed by licensed clinicians with professional experience in the mental health and substance use fields. These highly trained and experienced clinicians are available to refer you to an appropriate provider and help you schedule an appointment, if necessary. You will receive confidential help when making the call.

**Go to NYSHIP Online to check if providers or facilities are in The Empire Plan network.** You can access the MHSU provider/facility directory by going to [www.cs.ny.gov/employee-benefits](http://www.cs.ny.gov/employee-benefits), choosing your group or plan, if prompted, and select Find a Provider. Under the MHSU Program, click on the ReferralConnect link.

### Using ReferralConnect

On the ReferralConnect page, you can choose to search for individual doctors, counselors, groups and clinics or you can search for hospitals and programs. Once you read and accept the disclaimer, fill out the member information and choose your display and distance preferences. Then you will select Provider Type. Optional fields include Specialty, Languages, Age of Member, Gender of Provider and Ethnicity of Provider.

If you need help navigating ReferralConnect, click on the Search Tips icon or call The Empire Plan and press or say 3 for the MHSU Program.

Accessing the ReferralConnect system is private and confidential. You can search for providers from any computer with internet access.

### Out of State Network Facilities

If you choose to receive services outside of New York State, there are network facilities, known as Signature Facilities, that have demonstrated a high quality of care and positive patient outcomes. Contact the Clinical Referral Line by calling The Empire Plan and choosing option 3 to find out if there is a Signature Facility for the type of treatment you are seeking. For a list of Signature Facilities, see page 15.

**In a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or go immediately to the nearest hospital emergency department.** If you call the MHSU Program during a non-life-threatening emergency, a clinician will assess you and assist you in locating an appropriate provider or will instruct you to proceed to the nearest hospital emergency department. You, or your designee, should call The Empire Plan within 48 hours of, or as soon as reasonably possible, after an emergency inpatient admission.



## CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAM

The Empire Plan Center of Excellence for Substance Use Disorder Program, in partnership with the nationally recognized Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation (HBF), provides paid-in-full benefits for substance use disorder treatment when received through the Mental Health and Substance Use (MHSU) Program with network providers. Benefits through the Center of Excellence for Substance Use Disorder Program are for groups with benefit changes effective July 1, 2023, or later and are only available to Empire Plan-primary (Plan pays first) enrollees.

### Prior Authorization Is Required

Call The Empire Plan at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and press or say 3 to reach the MHSU Program for prior authorization for covered services at a Center of Excellence for Substance Use Disorder treatment. Your participation in the Program is voluntary. To enroll in the Center of Excellence for Substance Use Disorder Program and receive these benefits, The Empire Plan must be your primary insurance coverage (pays first) and you must be in a group that has benefit changes effective July 1, 2023, or later. Check with the MHSU Program for more information about eligibility.

### What Is Covered

The Center of Excellence for Substance Use Disorder Program offers paid-in-full, high-quality treatment services to you and your covered dependents. If the MHSU Program authorizes benefits, the following services are available:

- Assessment prior to treatment
- Full evaluation at the provider site
- Intensive outpatient treatment and partial hospitalization
- Detoxification and residential rehabilitation
- Care coordination for transition back to home community
- Support program for children ages seven to 12 who are impacted by addiction
- Family treatment and support, including individual virtual support services

When applicable, a travel, lodging and meal allowance is available. The travel allowance includes coverage for up to two companions, regardless of the patient's age.

The Center of Excellence for Substance Use offers treatment at HBF Foundations located throughout the United States. This includes detoxification facilities located in California, Minnesota and Oregon, and outpatient services in California, Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, Oregon and Washington.

## NETWORK BENEFITS

When you use MHSU Program network providers, you will be offered care at the highest benefit level under The Empire Plan. Network providers have been credentialed by the MHSU Program administrator to ensure they meet the highest standards of education, training and experience.

By using a network provider, you will receive access to medically necessary services. The Program's network gives you access to a wide range of providers, including psychiatrists, psychologists, clinical social workers, nurse practitioners, applied behavioral analysts (ABA) or certified behavioral analysts (CBA). Network facilities include psychiatric hospitals, clinics, residential treatment centers, halfway houses, group homes, intensive outpatient treatment programs (IOP) and partial hospital programs (PHP), as well as licensed mental health counselors (LMHC), licensed marriage and family therapists (LMFT) and physician assistants (PA).

### Guaranteed Access

Under the MHSU Program, you have guaranteed access to network benefits. If there are no network providers in your area, you will receive network level benefits if you call the Clinical Referral Line to arrange your care with an appropriate provider.

### Copayments

When you use a network provider, you pay a copayment for:

- A visit to a mental health professional
- A visit to an outpatient substance use treatment program
- Treatment in a hospital emergency department, unless you are admitted as an inpatient directly from the emergency department

### Inpatient Admissions

The MHSU Program allows in-network substance use treatment facilities in New York State to treat an enrollee or covered dependent without prior authorization or medical necessity review. Currently, 28 days of treatment for each level of care is covered under the registration process provided the provider notifies Carelon within two business days of admission and the facility is in-network and certified by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS). All substance use treatment facilities in New York State are OASAS certified, but not all of them are in-network. To find

an in-network OASAS-certified facility, go to [www.cs.ny.gov/employee-benefits](http://www.cs.ny.gov/employee-benefits) and choose your group and plan, if prompted, then select Find a Provider. Under the MHSU Program, you can access the Achieve Solutions website. Then click on Find a Provider, which will take you to ReferralConnect.

### Treatment Medications

You are also guaranteed access to network benefits under the Prescription Drug Program, which provides coverage for prescription drugs, up to a 90-day supply, when dispensed through Empire Plan network pharmacies, the mail service pharmacy, the designated specialty pharmacy and non-network pharmacies. Your copayment amount depends on the drug, the quantity prescribed and where you fill your prescription.

The Prescription Drug Program provides coverage for medication approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for detoxification or maintenance treatment of a substance use disorder. This coverage includes immediate access, without prior authorization, to a five-day emergency supply of medication that helps manage opioid withdrawal or stabilization as well as medications intended to reverse an opioid overdose.

### Online Resources

For more information about mental health and substance use care, including help for alcoholism, depression, anxiety, ADHD and bipolar disorder, visit the Program website at [www.achievesolutions.net/empireplan](http://www.achievesolutions.net/empireplan). On the site you can find self-help questionnaires, articles on a variety of topics and other resources, including ReferralConnect. The website also provides quick links to the clinical management programs for ADHD, eating disorders and depression, the Program newsletter and resources to help you manage your health and safety.

You and your covered dependents can access Talkspace through The Empire Plan. Talkspace provides online therapy with a provider via private message and live video. Using the QuickMatch process, you can find therapists specializing in stress, anxiety, depression, eating disorders, substance use, identity struggles, trauma, grief and more. Engaging with a Talkspace therapist is subject to the same copayment that would apply to an in-person visit. For more information and to get started, visit [www.talkspace.com/empireplan](http://www.talkspace.com/empireplan).

## NON-NETWORK BENEFITS

Before you choose a non-network provider, consider the high cost of treatment. When you use a provider or facility for inpatient treatment that is not in The Empire Plan network, your out-of-pocket costs are higher. You will be responsible for the deductible, any coinsurance and any charges above the usual and customary rate. When you go to a non-network facility for inpatient treatment, you will be responsible for 10 percent of the charges billed by the facility, up to your annual coinsurance maximum. For example, if



you receive inpatient treatment at a network provider with a provider charge of \$25,000, the total cost to you would be \$0. However, if you received the same inpatient treatment at a non-network provider with a provider charge of \$25,000, you would have to pay a 10 percent coinsurance amount, or \$2,500.

If you receive care that is determined to not be medically necessary, you will be responsible for the entire cost of care. For a nonemergency admission to a non-network facility (including intensive outpatient programs, partial hospital programs, halfway houses and group homes), you must call the Empire Plan MHSU Program administrator before admission to have the medical necessity of the admission reviewed.

Most routine outpatient services do not need prior authorization. However, some outpatient services do require prior authorization. You should call The Empire Plan before receiving services. Keep in mind that all care is subject to review under the Program's medical necessity guidelines. When using a non-network provider, it is your responsibility to ensure that your provider responds to the MHSU Program administrator's requests for information necessary to review and authorize care for the services you receive from that provider.

### Claim Payment for Covered Services

When you receive non-network services that have been precertified, you are responsible for payment at the time they are billed to you. You may assign benefits to your non-network provider and the Program will pay the covered expenses directly to your provider instead of paying you.

In order to receive reimbursement, you must file a claim with the program administrator, Carelon Behavioral Health, for non-network services. The program administrator pays you the non-network allowed amount for the covered services if they are found to be medically necessary.

You are always required to pay the deductible, coinsurance amounts and the amount billed to you in excess of the non-network allowed amount. Also, you are ultimately responsible for paying your provider any amount not paid by the Program.



## BEWARE OF PATIENT BROKERING AND ADDICTION TREATMENT FRAUD

Patient brokering occurs when an entity collects payment from out-of-network addiction treatment providers in exchange for referring patients to those programs and it is considered health insurance fraud. A broker can be a health care provider, health care facility, substance use program, addiction counselor, credentialed professional or any other individual who engages in this practice. Often, the care being offered is in a facility located outside New York State and is more expensive and a lower quality of care than provided within New York State. In these instances, instead of providing treatment as promised, these brokers use patients solely for financial gain.

In August 2018, New York State passed legislation to prohibit patient brokering. Under this law, physicians in New York State who engage in patient brokering can have their credentials and licensure revoked and be subject to fines.

### Warning Signs

Warning signs of patient brokering include:

- Patient brokers might offer incentives to attend a facility, such as free airfare, free or reduced rent, prepaid debit cards, cellphones or cash, or to waive or reimburse out-of-pocket insurance costs.
- When researching a facility online, its website only provides a toll-free number. Facility websites should provide specific contact information such as a local telephone number, physical address and the names and credentials of treating physicians.

### How To Report Patient Brokering

If you suspect that you may be a victim of patient brokering or addiction treatment fraud, you should report it immediately by filing a complaint. Call The Empire Plan at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and choose option 3. You also can report the incident to the New York State Department of Financial Services Insurance Frauds Bureau at 1-888-372-8369 or contact the Office of Addiction Services and Supports at [stoptreatmentfraud@oasas.ny.gov](mailto:stoptreatmentfraud@oasas.ny.gov). Provide a detailed explanation of what you suspect is wrong and why. Save all of your medical bills, receipts, test results, claim forms, prescription records and Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements since they may be useful in the investigation of your complaint.

## RECEIVING THE APPROPRIATE TREATMENT

### On the Road to Recovery

Bob is a 30-year-old Empire Plan enrollee whose back was injured in a car accident. Bob's doctor prescribed opioids for the pain. After Bob finishes the refills for that prescription, he requests continued opioid therapy from his doctor. Bob's doctor denies that request and recommends that Bob take acetaminophen for the pain. Instead, Bob starts going through the medicine cabinets of family and friends, looking for and stealing unused opioid prescriptions.

Bob's parents notice that their prescriptions are missing and confront Bob. Once admitting to having a problem and deciding to seek treatment, Bob calls The Empire Plan and chooses option 3 for the MHSU Program. After speaking to an experienced clinician on the Clinical Referral Line, Bob is referred to an in-network substance use program.

Bob receives treatment from an Empire Plan intensive outpatient program (IOP). The IOP provides Bob with medically necessary treatment three times a week. After receiving treatment, the IOP makes sure Bob continues to receive support from family members and sponsors and a counselor. Bob is now on the road to recovery.

Because Bob receives treatment from a network provider, he is only responsible for applicable copayments and has much lower out-of-pocket costs than if he had gone out of network.

### Working Toward a Healthier Life

Gina, a 62-year-old Empire Plan enrollee, has been feeling hopeless and sad for a long time. Gina sees a primary care doctor and is diagnosed with chronic depression. Gina's doctor prescribes antidepressant medications and medically necessary counseling from an in-network therapist. Gina is recommended by the doctor for the depression management program, which is part of the MHSU Program's clinical management program. Gina agrees to participate and is assigned an intensive case manager (ICM). The ICM calls at regular intervals and assists in accessing services, recommends additional resources and supports coordination of Gina's care.

Since getting help for chronic depression from an in-network therapist and from the clinical management program, Gina is feeling better. Also, Gina has had no claims to file and only has paid applicable copayments.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

**Q:** Why should I use an Empire Plan network provider when I can use any provider?

**A:** Using a network provider limits your out-of-pocket expenses. It also helps keep Empire Plan costs down which, in turn, helps keep your premium lower, too.

**Q:** Will my boss or coworkers know that I am seeking help from a mental health or substance use provider?

**A:** No. Your confidentiality is important to us and your supervisor will not be informed that you are seeking the help of a mental health or substance use provider unless you tell them.

**Q:** How do I find a network provider when I need a substance use professional?

**A:** You can call The Empire Plan at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and press or say 3 for the MHSU Program, then choose option 3 for enrollee and option 3 for the Clinical Referral Line. The Clinical Referral Line is confidential and available 24 hours a day, every day of the year. These highly-trained and experienced clinicians can help you find a quality, in-network provider who is currently accepting patients. They can even help with finding appointment availability.

## A Family Faces a Problem

Jim is a 55-year-old active Empire Plan enrollee with a spouse and teenage child. Jim's spouse, Cindy, recently retired from her job as a teacher. Since retiring, Cindy has been drinking a significant amount of wine on a daily basis. Cindy lies about how much she has been drinking and has become emotionally unavailable to Jim and their child.

Unsure whether or not he should confront Cindy, Jim looks for information about substance use on the Empire Plan MHSU website at [www.achievesolutions.net/empireplan](http://www.achievesolutions.net/empireplan). He decides to call The Empire Plan and chooses option 3 for the Clinical Referral Line. The clinician that Jim speaks with refers Jim and Cindy to a network provider that can help Cindy receive the needed substance use treatment on an outpatient basis.

Because Jim chooses an Empire Plan network provider to help treat Cindy's drinking problem, Jim and Cindy are only responsible for applicable copayments. They have much lower out-of-pocket costs than if they had chosen an out-of-network provider.



**Q:** Where can I find more information about my mental health and substance use benefits?

**A:** Call The Empire Plan at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and press or say 3 for the MHSU Program. You also can review your *Empire Plan Certificate* for more information about the MHSU Program.

**Q:** What if I experience a mental health or substance use emergency?

**A:** In a life-threatening emergency, call 911 or go immediately to the nearest hospital emergency department. If it's a non-life-threatening emergency, the MHSU Program will have a clinician available to assess and assist you in locating an applicable provider or will instruct you to proceed to the nearest hospital emergency department.

**Q:** What is talk therapy and who provides it?

**A:** Talk therapy is when you see a mental health provider and talk about what is bothering you. Unlike a physical exam, which often involves tests, talking is almost the whole treatment with talk therapy. It's important to find a therapist who is trained to treat your problem, makes you feel comfortable and is someone you can trust. To find a talk therapy provider, call The Empire Plan at 1-877-7-NYSHIP (1-877-769-7447) and press or say 3 for the MHSU Program. The Clinical Referral Line can give you access to a licensed clinician who can help you find a provider. Talk therapy providers include psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed social workers and counselors, advanced registered nurse practitioners and advanced psychiatric registered nurses.

## IMPORTANT TERMS TO KNOW

**72-hour Crisis Bed** is a program designed to provide services for crisis situations of acute mental health and substance use for up to 72 hours. The program provides extended evaluation as well as crisis stabilization for covered persons needing an intermediate level of care. Treatment interventions are focused on mobilizing support and resources so that the covered person can be managed in the least restrictive setting. The program is provided under the supervision of a physician.

**23-hour Crisis Bed** is a program designed to provide services for crisis situations of acute mental health and substance use for up to 23 hours. The program provides extended evaluation as well as crisis stabilization for covered persons needing an intermediate level of care. Treatment interventions are focused on mobilizing support and resources so that the covered person can be managed in the least restrictive setting. The program is provided under the supervision of a physician.



**Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)** is a behavioral approach commonly used with children with autism spectrum disorders that seeks to reinforce adaptive behaviors and reduce maladaptive behaviors. ABA includes the use of direct observation, measurement and functional analysis of the relationships between environment and behavior.

**Applied Behavior Analysts** are board certified with supervised experience providing ABA treatment.

**Approved Facility** is a general, acute care or psychiatric hospital or clinic under the supervision of a physician. If the hospital or clinic is located in New York State, it must be certified by the Office of Addiction Services and Supports of the State of New York or according to the New York State Mental Hygiene Law. If located outside of New York State, it must be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations for the provision of mental health, alcoholism or drug use treatment or state licensed.

**Clinical Referral Line** is the clinical resource and referral service that you may call prior to receiving services to obtain network referrals. You may call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Call The Empire Plan and choose the MHSU Program.

**Counselor, Master's Level** has a master's degree in an approved curriculum of counseling education, a minimum of two years of individual counseling and a passing score on a state or national license exam to practice.

**Crisis Stabilization** is an alternative to hospitalization in a short-term structured therapeutic environment. It provides continuous 24-hour observation and supervision for those who do not require the intensive medical care of a hospital environment.

**Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)** is a procedure conducted by a psychiatrist for the treatment of certain mental health disorders through the application of controlled electric current.



**Inpatient Services** are those services rendered in an approved facility to a patient who has been admitted for an overnight stay.

**Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP)** is a freestanding or hospital-based program that provides medically necessary services multiple times a week. IOPs are used as a step up from routine outpatient services, or a step down from acute inpatient care, residential care or a partial hospital program. IOPs can be used to treat mental health or substance use disorders or can specialize in the treatment of co-occurring mental health issues and substance use disorders.

**Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT)** are trained in individual psychotherapy and family systems to assess and treat mental, emotional and behavioral disorders and address an array of relationship issues within the context of marital/couple, family, relational and group therapy. They provide individual, couple, family, relational and group therapy.

**Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC)** are trained in counseling, psychotherapy and prevention. They work with individuals, couples, families, groups and organizations using brief techniques, such as crisis intervention and solution-focused approaches, or longer term approaches when treating chronic mental health disorders or disabilities.

**Licensed Social Workers and Counselors** are therapists that include licensed clinical social workers, licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed mental health counselors.

**Medicare Facility** is an eligible facility that has completed the application/registration process with Medicare and has agreed to participate and comply with Medicare guidelines.



**Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT)** is the use of medication in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies for the treatment of substance use disorders.

**Mood** is a temporary state of mind or feeling.

**Network Coverage** is the level of benefits provided by the Program when you receive medically necessary services from a network provider.

**Network Facility** is an approved facility that has entered into a network provider agreement as an independent contractor with the MHSU Program administrator. A non-network facility can be considered a network facility on a case-by-case basis when approved by the Program administrator.

**Network Practitioner** has entered into an agreement with the MHSU Program administrator as an independent contractor to provide covered services. A non-network practitioner can be considered a network practitioner on a case-by-case basis when approved by the Program administrator.

**Network Provider** is either a network practitioner or a network facility.

**Non-Network Facility** is a facility that has not entered into an agreement with the MHSU Program administrator.

**Non-Network Practitioner** has not entered into an agreement with the MHSU Program administrator.

**Non-Network Provider** is a practitioner or facility that has not entered into an agreement with the MHSU Program administrator to provide covered services.

**Nurses with Prescriptive Authority** are nurses with a master's degree and advanced training in psychiatry. They include advanced registered nurse practitioners (ARNP) and advanced psychiatric registered nurses (APRN). In most states, these nurses are authorized to prescribe psychotropic medications.

**Outpatient Clinic** is a community-based program that offers mental health and/or substance use treatment services.

**Outpatient Services** are those services rendered in a practitioner's office or in the department of an approved facility to persons who have not had an overnight stay and are not charged for room and board.

**Partial Hospitalization** is a freestanding or hospital-based program that maintains hours of service for at least 20 hours per week for mental health or substance use diagnoses.

**Physician Assistant (PA)** is licensed and qualified by academic and practical training to provide patient services under the supervision and direction of a licensed physician who is responsible for the performance of the PA.

**Practitioner** is a psychiatrist, psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, registered nurse clinical specialist, registered nurse practitioner, applied behavior analysis (ABA) provider or ABA agency.

**Prescribing Psychologist** after receiving a doctorate, completes between 1,500 and 6,000 hours of supervised clinical practice and passes a national examination in psychopharmacology to become licensed to prescribe medications.

**Psychiatrist and Medical Doctor** is a medical doctor whose internships/residencies were specialized in the treatment of mental disorders. They are qualified to prescribe medication as a means to alleviate symptoms.

**Psychologist, Doctoral Level** has a doctorate from the psychology department of an accredited college and has passed a national licensing exam.

**Psychologist, Masters Level** has a master's degree and is licensed or certified in the state where practice is to occur.

**Select Inpatient Facilities** are in-network facilities that meet excellent standards of clinical and administrative services.

**Select Outpatient Facilities** are in-network outpatient providers recognized for engaging in activities that promote clinical effectiveness, member access to services, member satisfaction and administrative efficiency.

**Structured Outpatient Rehabilitation Program** is a program that provides substance use care and is an operational component of an approved facility that is state licensed.

**Substance Use Care** is medically necessary care provided by an eligible provider for a pattern of harmful use of any substance, which can include alcohol and other drugs, for mood-altering purposes.

# CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT\*

## California

Betty Ford Center Expert Addiction and Mental Health Treatment Center  
Los Angeles

Betty Ford Center Drug Addiction Rehab and Mental Health Services  
Rancho Mirage

Betty Ford Center Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Rehab and Mental Health Services  
San Diego

## Colorado

Hazelden Betty Ford Children’s Program  
Greenwood Village

## Florida

Hazelden Betty Ford Southern Florida’s Expert Addiction and Mental Health Treatment Center  
Naples

## Illinois

Hazelden Betty Ford Alcohol and Drug Outpatient Rehab and Mental Health Services  
Chicago

## Minnesota

Hazelden Betty Ford Addiction and Mental Health Treatment  
Center City

*\* This list is subject to change.*

Hazelden Betty Ford Comprehensive Alcohol and Drug Rehab and Mental Health Services  
Chaska

Hazelden Betty Ford Drug and Alcohol Rehab and Mental Health Services for Adults 18+  
Maple Grove

Inpatient and Outpatient Rehab and Mental Health Services for Young People Ages 12–25  
Plymouth

Hazelden Betty Ford Outpatient Drug and Mental Health Treatment Center  
St. Paul

## New York

Hazelden Betty Ford Outpatient Alcohol & Drug Rehab and Mental Health Center  
New York City

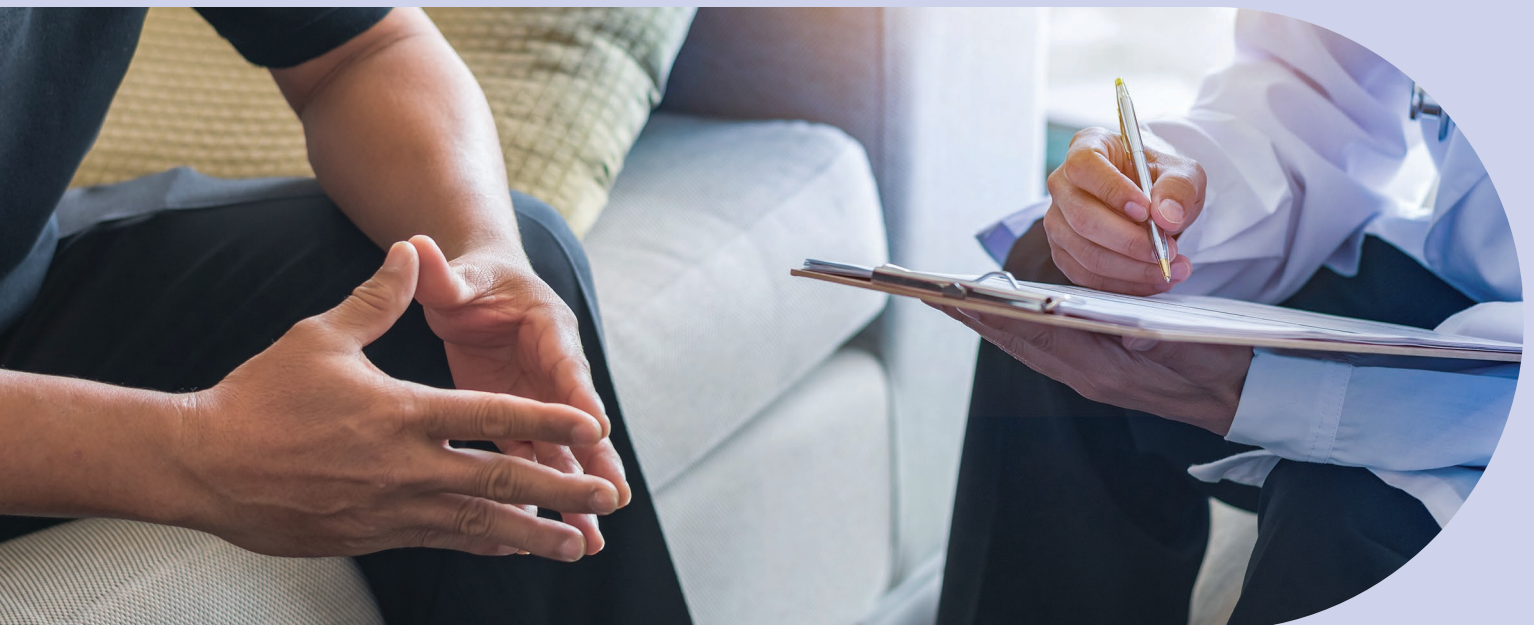
## Oregon

Hazelden Betty Ford Outpatient Rehab & Mental Health Center  
Beaverton

Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Rehab at Hazelden Betty Ford  
Newberg

## Washington

Hazelden Betty Ford Outpatient Drug Rehab and Mental Health Center  
Bellevue



## SIGNATURE FACILITIES

The following Empire Plan MHSU facilities are located outside of New York State and have consistently demonstrated high-quality care and high levels of positive patient outcomes.

### Arizona

**Sierra Tucson**  
Tucson

### California

**BHC Alhambra Hospital**  
Rosemead

### Colorado

**Eating Recovery Center**  
Denver

### Florida

**Hazelden Betty Ford**  
Naples

### Illinois

**Timberline Knolls**  
Lemont

### Minnesota

**Hazelden Betty Ford**  
Center City, Chaska, Maple Grove,  
Plymouth, St. Paul

### Oregon

**Hazelden Betty Ford**  
Beaverton, Newberg

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

### The Empire Plan Mental Health and Substance Use Program

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Send appeals, claims, grievances and general correspondence to:

Carelon Behavioral Health  
P.O. Box 1850  
Hicksville, NY 11802

[www.achievesolutions.net/empireplan](http://www.achievesolutions.net/empireplan)

TTY: 1-855-643-1476

## RESOURCES

### Alcoholics Anonymous

1-212-870-3400  
www.aa.org

### American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) Lifeline

1-800-273-TALK  
(1-800-273-8255)  
www.afsp.org

### Crisis Text Line

Text TALK to 741741  
www.crisistextline.org

### Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA)

1-800-826-3632  
www.dbsalliance.org

### Narconon

1-888-775-2497  
www.narconon.org

### Narcotics Anonymous

1-818-773-9999  
www.na.org

### National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

1-800-950-6264  
www.nami.org

### National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

1-301-443-1124  
www.drugabuse.gov

### NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS)

1-877-8-HOPENY  
(1-877-846-7369)  
www.oasas.ny.gov

### NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

1-800-942-6906  
www.opdv.ny.gov

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

1-800-662-HELP  
(1-800-662-4357)  
www.samhsa.gov

### 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Dial 988  
www.988lifeline.org

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