Lancaster County Drug & Alcohol Commission	*Fiscal # 3* *Policy: Medicaid Funding (aka: MA)*
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Purpose

Because LCDAC funding is to be utilized as the payment of last resort, all other avenues of funding must be ruled out. Medicaid is one of those funding options that must be secured or ruled out as a payment option.

Procedure:

- It is expected MA funding will be utilized for treatment whenever possible.
- Medical Assistance (MA), also known as Medicaid, eligibility should be verified during the client's first visit and should be monitored during each subsequent session.
- Clients who do not have active MA must immediately apply for MA.
- While waiting for MA eligibility determination, clients are eligible for LCDAC funding and will have an LCDAC liability completed. (See Lancaster LCDAC's Liability Determination Policy for more information).
- Clients who do not apply for MA or comply with MA regulations will not be considered Lancaster LCDAC funded clients.
    - The provider can scholarship the treatment or ask the client to resume counseling when he/she applies for MA benefits.
- For clients with active Medical Assistance (MA), treatment funding will be provided through MA/HealthChoices.
    - No charges for treatment will be made to the LCDAC, unless MA funding is later denied.
- If a client enters treatment with an active MA card, the liability form will *not* be completed.
- LCDAC contracted treatment facilities must acquire an MA approval and accept MA clients. If a facility loses its MA approval, the LCDAC will not pay for the MA clients' treatment services.
    - this includes having and keeping a contract with the managed care organization.
    - LCDAC may cancel the treatment service contract if the facility is not MA approved for funding.
    - MA approved treatment programs must maintain the MA approval for the length of the LCDAC contract.
- LCDAC and its staff do **not** interpret MA regulations or policies for itself or any of the treatment providers.
    - It is the sole responsibility of the treatment provider to know and understand the MA policies, procedures, and regulations of providing services and for billing/reimbursement.

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