



## SUD ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL SITES FAQ

In order to expand access to substance use disorder (SUD) intake and referral on site, the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is launching three new Assessment and Referral sites at community SUD providers. These sites will conduct SUD assessment and referral services to the appropriate level of care, mental health needs, and provide health screenings, as clinically appropriate.

**Why are the Assessment and Referral services sites expanding?** DBH wants to make entry points to SUD treatment more accessible to residents in need. By broadening the entry point for services, we will ensure people have access to the services when and where they need them.

**Will the patient intake process change?** No, this expansion will allow people to go directly to the Assessment and Referral site of their choice. See Assessment & Referral Center (ARC) sites below:

- Regional Addiction Prevention (RAP) Inc.: 1949 4<sup>th</sup> Street NE; Washington, DC 20002 (Ward 5)
- Family & Medical Counseling Services: 2041 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE, Suite 303; Washington, DC 20020 (Ward 8)
- MBI Health Services: 2041 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE, Suite M8; Washington, DC 20020 (Ward 8)
- ARC: 75 P Street NE; Washington, DC 20002 (Ward 5)

**Will the reoccurring services I receive be impacted?** No, this will not alter any services that you are currently receiving.

**Will this change affect my benefits?** No, this will not impact your benefits.

**Will new providers use the same system to search for the availability of treatment services?** Yes. Assessment and Referral sites will contact other treatment providers as necessary to check for availability, make appointments, and link clients to appropriate services based on their assessment.

**Can these providers give a referral for services offered (i.e. self-referral)?** Yes, if it's clinically appropriate. Clients can choose to remain with the intake provider or get referred to another provider agency that has availability at their assessed level of care.

**Will transportation be provided for consumers to treatment sites?** Yes, it is the Assessment and Referral provider's responsibility to provide transportation for individuals that have been assessed for detox or residential services. Assessment and Referral providers will discuss with individuals how they plan to travel to other types of treatment services and offer resources, if needed.

**Will I be able to receive the same services the ARC provides at the new locations?** Yes, Assessment and Referral providers are capable of providing the full range of assessment and referral services that are provided at the DBH ARC.

**Are these sites knowledgeable of detox services?** Yes, Assessment and Referral providers are aware of the full range of treatment and recovery options.