

Dear Providers,

The Dental voucher will remain at \$1000.00 and last for 90 days. This voucher will require that a Recovery Support Services Assessment tool be completed for each client in order for the Provider to request the voucher. The Recovery Support Services Assessment tool does not have to be completed by the dentist but may be administered by other Provider staff working with clients (dental assistants, substance abuse counselors, dental hygienist, etc.), all of whom must have been trained in HIPPA guidelines and regulations to protect client confidentiality. This Recovery Support Service Assessment is reimbursed separately. In your regular Dental Treatment Plan that your clinic uses for all Dental clients, please state in one sentence how dental treatment ties to the particular client's Substance Abuse recovery.

While the Dental Voucher was originally conceived to address oral decay caused by methamphetamine abuse, we have found that oral health in general is negatively impacted by alcohol and drug use of varying kinds and to varying degrees. As a result, we recognize that an important part of helping clients stay clean and sober is supporting them in improved self-esteem and a positive self-image; an individual's dental condition plays a big role in both these factors. One's dental condition can alienate and cause clients to be avoided or avoid others as a result of poor oral health. The Dental Voucher is meant to help mitigate damage caused by all of the above, at least in part. Please feel free to ask us for the Recovery Support Services Assessment tool. This can also be found on the AAIR website. We are currently updating this tool and will have an updated Recovery Support Services Assessment tool out shortly. Please continue to use the one presently available until we alert you that it has been updated.

To qualify for the Dental voucher, the client must be in recovery from substance abuse for **5 years or less**. If an individual has been in recovery longer than 5 years, please call AAIR Administrative staff at the CRIHB office to discuss the client's treatment needs and we will make exceptions on a case by case basis. Clients who are actively abusing substances are also eligible for the AAIR Dental voucher with the hope that contact with a Health Care Professional through the AAIR program will serve to inform clients of available substance abuse treatment options as well as encourage a desire for recovery through improved oral health. Removing stress from poor oral health can operate to build hope for other positive life changes. Hope is the bedrock of recovery.

The Dental voucher does not include services related to: braces, tooth whitening, retainers, implants, mini-implants, inlays or onlays, dental veneers or other services which are considered cosmetic in nature.

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