

Region V Systems

Opioid Remediation Settlement Flex Funds Guidelines

Flex Funds:

Opioid flex funds are used for consumers residing or seeking services within Region V Systems catchment area. Flex funds may be used for Medicaid enrolled, non-Medicaid enrolled, underinsured, and uninsured individuals for items, resources, or services not otherwise covered by these plans, or other funding mechanisms.

Purpose: Flex funding is to obtain the items, resources, or services necessary to meet a consumer's identified treatment/rehabilitation goals that cannot be provided through other funding mechanisms or more traditional service provision modalities.

Payment of Last Resort: The treatment provider shall use any available alternative funding sources prior to utilizing Opioid Remediation Settlement Flex Funds, including all other sources of flex funding from Region V Systems. These efforts shall be documented thoroughly on the request form when requesting reimbursement from Region V Systems. Documentation shall also be maintained in the client file and made available upon request by Region V Systems.

If the consumer resides outside of Region V Systems catchment area, the treatment provider must seek funding from the appropriate Region of residence before submitting an application to Region V Systems.

Allocation and Payment: Flex funds cannot exceed \$5,000 per consumer per state fiscal year (July 1- June 30). The treatment provider may request a waiver to exceed the \$5,000 limit based on unforeseen circumstances and subject to approve by Region V Systems.

A. Allowable use of funds:

1. Transportation (e.g., gas, minor car repair, taxi, bus, handi-van)
2. Housing/Storage (one time deposit on residence, rent, temporary housing, motels, campground fees, storage unit while in residential-level treatment) etc.
3. Phones (phones, phone card, monthly service plans)
4. Food (while seeking treatment away from home).
5. Legal identification (certified birth certificate, Social Security Card, State ID, etc.)
6. Adaptive equipment (any device or machine to assist with a task of daily living)

7. Other items may be considered by Region V Systems for approval if the request is deemed to be a barrier to treatment/rehabilitation of the consumer.
8. Hygiene Items needed while in treatment.

B. Prohibited use of funds:

1. Physical health appointments (i.e., dental, eye, hearing, physicals, etc.)
2. Consumer share of cost
3. Memberships (i.e., gym memberships)
4. Therapeutic or companion animals (including items to care for animals)
5. Nicotine/tobacco products
6. To provide cash to or for consumers
7. Guardianship expenses
8. Items that are not pertinent to treatment and recovery
9. Cable television or streaming services
10. To pay for items, resources, or services required to be provided by Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO's) as outlined in the Medicaid State Plan or covered by person's insurance plan.

C. Submission and Documentation:

1. The treatment provider agrees to bill monthly for flex funds by using the Region V Systems Opioid Flex Fund Reimbursement Form.
2. Consumers must be on the waitlist or enrolled in treatment/rehabilitation.
3. Region V Systems will ensure that the flex fund expenditures do not exceed budgeted amounts.
4. Flex funds will be monitored by RVS to evaluate cost effectiveness and the impact of the flex fund resources on consumer outcomes.
5. Any expense billed through flex funds which is deemed unallowable, will not be reimbursed by Region V Systems.