

Salt Lake County Fee Policy

Salt Lake County Behavioral Health utilizes 2 fee schedules as follows:

1. Multiple Treatment Levels Combined Fee Schedule
 - a. Adult Residential (once/month) – range \$0 - \$1,000
 - b. Adult Outpatient (weekly max) – range \$0 - \$50
 - c. Adult IOP (weekly max) – range \$0 - \$100
 - d. Youth Residential (once/month) – range \$0 - \$50
 - e. Youth Non-Residential (weekly max) – range \$0 - \$5
2. Adult DUI Assessment Copay – range \$1 - \$265

In applying treatment copays, much is left to the discretion of the service provider and attending clinician. Generally, the adult outpatient copay schedule is to be applied for low intensity outpatient services or non-DUI assessments. The maximum adult outpatient copay rate of \$50 was determined based approximately on the lowest cost service an individual might receive during a single visit and with the intent to not exceed a typical copay rate under an insurance plan. The adult IOP rate generally will be used for clients that are receiving more intensive outpatient services or day treatment, and maxes out at twice the adult outpatient copay. The monthly adult residential rate maxes out below SLCOs lowest contracted residential monthly rate. The copay schedules increase based on the 2016 Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which accounts for gross household income and family size. From 0-150% of FPL, all copays are waived and at 400% of FPL, consumers are provided no county subsidy. This methodology assumes greater ability to pay as income increases.

Fees for youth services have been strategically reduced to ensure no barriers to service exist. Copays are not to be assessed until monthly gross income exceeds 400% of the FPL. The youth residential schedule maxes out at \$50 per month, while the non-residential schedule maxes out at \$5 per week.

Assessments provided to adults related to a DUI conviction have a specific DUI Assessment Copay schedule. In State Code there is an expectation that individuals convicted of DUI are responsible for the cost of their treatment services. Often these individuals require no additional treatment services beyond the initial assessment. For this reason, the sliding fee schedule more quickly reaches the full cost of the assessment service provided, for a maximum copay of \$265.

Providers and clinicians are given discretion to waive fees as judged necessary to ensure limited barriers to treatment. When fees are waived a note must be written explaining the circumstances for waiving or reducing the rate. In addition, discretion will be allowed to waive up to two months of fees for parolees, probationers, or individuals released from the Salt Lake County Jail system due to the fact they are probably unemployed at the time of release and have a limited ability to participate in the costs of their services. Discretion for this waiver can be granted by the Director of the provider agency or their designee.

Providers may charge higher copays if it is believed that for the applicable population served, it would be in the clients' and the County's best interest to charge a higher copay amount. All alternate fee policies must be approved by the County prior to being implemented and must not create an excessive barrier to treatment.