

Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN) Assessment/Evaluation – No Medical Services (Encounter)

The GAIN I-Core is a comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment designed to support clinical diagnosis, placement, treatment planning, performance monitoring, program planning and economic analysis. It is considered evidence-based practice and designed to be used primarily in clinical settings. When establishing goals and objectives with a client the initial step in developing an individualized treatment and recovery plan involves the completion of a biopsychosocial assessment. MDHHS/OROSC requires that the GAIN I-Core is the exclusive statewide standardized SUD assessment after October 1, 2020. The GAIN supports ASAM criteria and produces valid, reliable data.

- Interview must be completed by a licensed/limited licensed, Master's Degree Prepared clinician who is a Certified GAIN Administrator, GAIN Local Trainer or Site Interviewer with no medical services. **Clinicians enrolled in the certification process and under the direction of a Certified Local Trainer may complete GAIN Assessments/Evaluations as a required function of the certification process.** The evaluation may include communication with family or other sources and review and ordering of diagnostic studies.
- In an effort to build GAIN Implementation capacity by the MDHHS target date of October 1, 2020 the SUD treatment provider network will engage in the GAIN-I Core certification process with either Chestnut Health Systems or another GAIN Local Trainer. Per MDHHS, all other forms of biopsychosocial assessments are to be eliminated by September 30, 2020. MSHN will provide and support ongoing certification of clinicians.
- SUD Treatment Providers and contracted providers are required to use the electronic GAIN Assessment Building System (ABS) to collect all GAIN I-Core assessment data. Providers must complete the necessary steps to obtain organization and user permissions to access GAIN ABS. This includes completing Chestnut Health Systems' GAIN ABS Request for Agency Set-up, Data Use Agreement, and New User Agreement.
- A GAIN-I Core assessment can be conducted and billed once every six months. Per MDHHS this is the maximum allowable reimbursement for this clinical function. At a minimum re-assessment should be completed annually. If an individual has a significant change prior to the 6-month marker, the clinician can adjust the original assessment to reflect those changes and indicate as updated in the notes.

SUD Service Rates: \$250 completed evaluation

Clinician Credentials: MDHHS/OROSC requires that only a master's prepared and licensed clinician conduct the GAIN I-Core with clients. Please note, this can include master's prepared and limited licensed professionals.

Clinician Certification: MDHHS requires that only certified GAIN Administrators, GAIN Local Trainers, or GAIN Site Interviewers administer the GAIN I-Core. **(Exception: Clinicians enrolled in the certification process and under the direction of a Certified Local Trainer may complete GAIN Assessments/Evaluations.)** Contact Jan Maino, GAIN Implementation Coordinator to register for training and certification. To help support the training needs of the region, MSHN is offering financial support to

providers for the time that clinicians will need to be trained on the GAIN I Core. Refer below to the “Reimbursement” section for more details.

REIMBURSEMENT | Training: Using the GAIN Assessment Training Reimbursement form a SUD Provider will be reimbursed for training of master's prepared and licensed clinicians certified to implement and administer the GAIN-I Core. Reimbursable expenses include the clinicians time toward training and can be reimbursed at a rate of \$75 per hour using the GAIN Billing form’s prescribed list of reimbursable and acceptable event(s). GAIN Local Trainer time toward training MSHN’s clinicians will be reimbursed at \$125 per hour using a prescribed list of acceptable training event(s). The GAIN Billing Form is located in provider contracts and may also be found on MSHN’s website (Provider Requirements→Substance Use Disorder→Forms→Finance and Claims→[GAIN Assessment Training Reimbursement](#)).

REIMBURSEMENT | GAIN I Core Assessment: When utilizing the GAIN I-Core for assessments with clients, the provider should bill the assessment as H0001 – HV. Only one encounter can be submitted for the assessment, *even if it takes more than one appointment*. Any additional appointments necessary to complete the assessment must be written up as a non-billable progress note and placed in the chart to document the contact. For reference, on page 3 of the [MDHHS Encounter Reporting Grid](#), the following guidance is given regarding assessments that are completed in multiple appointments: “Encounters and contacts (face-to-face) that are interrupted during the day: report one encounter; encounters and contacts for evaluations, assessments and Behavior Management committee that are interrupted and span more than one day: report one encounter or contact.” MSHN is reimbursing GAIN I-Core assessments at a higher enhanced rate for completion to account for additional time with the client. Situations where the GAIN I-CORE is not completed in one appointment, the provider should wait and bill the assessment encounter only after the subsequent appointment(s) once the assessment is complete. If the client never returns, then the provider will bill that first appointment/encounter as screening, use the H0002 – screening code and any subsequent appointments as non-billable progress notes since it did not result in a complete assessment. Only GAIN I-Core assessments completed AFTER January 1, 2019 are eligible for reimbursement. The provider cannot void and re-submit a GAIN assessment where the encounter occurred prior to January 1, 2019.

Retroactive Reimbursement/Void Process: Providers rendering code H0001 on or after date of service January 1, 2019, may request to void and rebill the service if it was administered using the GAIN criteria. Void requests may be sent to claims@midstatehealthnetwork.org or in REMI to Tammy July. Void requests should include:

- Provider name in the subject line
- Consumer name or identification number
- Date of service
- Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) code

Providers should rebill service as H0001 HV modifier to ensure appropriate reimbursement.



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GAIN Assessment Building System (ABS): A GAIN ABS account allows users to interactively administer all the GAIN instruments, immediately generate narrative reports based on the information collected and export the information collected to a data file. SUD providers are required to create an organization

account and individual clinician accounts. Use of GAIN ABS provides access to aggregated data and is the method for transferring client assessment(s) and reports between providers. Access to GAIN ABS occurs directly with Chestnut Health Systems (CHS) and the completion of an organization Data Use Agreement

(DUA), GAIN ABS Request and Agency Set-up Form, and for each clinician a GAIN ABS User Information Form. It is the responsibility of the provider to notify CHS when to activate and deactivate user accounts.

REMI: Upon completion of the GAIN I-Core and prior to reimbursement the clinician must run, edit, save and upload the GAIN-I Recommendation and Referral Summary (GRRS) into REMI. The GRRS report will meet the assessment upload requirements for review by MSHNs Utilization Management department for authorizations.

Transfer: The GAIN ABS system supports transfers of a complete Client record (all Treatment Episodes for a client) between providers within the SUD network. If a client seeks services from another in-network provider, the new provider must submit a release of information form to the prior provider. Upon receipt of proper documentation, the prior provider has 3 business days to transfer the requested documentation within GAIN ABS. *More details on this process as well as requirements for transfers outside of the network will be made available in the future.*

For questions regarding the GAIN Assessment, please contact MSHN's GAIN Coordinator - [Jan Maino](#).