

# SB 123 Program Update

Webinar Update for all Stakeholders

Kansas Sentencing Commission

October 12, 2021



- The mission of the SB 123 Program is to ensure **public safety** while effectively addressing prison **recidivism** by providing community-based substance abuse treatment to targeted, non-violent, drug offenders having substance abuse disorders.
- Since 2003, the SB 123 program has provided funding for thousands of Kansans struggling with addiction.

## SB 123 Mission Statement

# Webinar Agenda

- SB 123 Program Update
  - SB 123 Program Director- Kira Johnson, LMLP
- Billing Reminders & Updates
  - SB 123 Program Auditor- Trish Beck
- KDOC Certification Reminders & Updates
  - SB 123 Program Manager- Gwyn Harvey, LAC
- Q & A Panel
  - KSSC, KDOC, & Beacon Health Options

# SB 123 Update: New & Notable

Kira Johnson, LMLP

SB 123 Program Director

# SB 123 Changes & Developments

Continued response  
to COVID-19  
pandemic  
conditions

KDOC's ATHENA  
data system  
(as of April 2021)

Adoption of HB  
2026 population

KDADS/BSRB  
SUD Licensure  
Additions

# SB 123 Continued Response to COVID-19 Pandemic

## Telehealth

- All Outpatient Modalities
- Audio/visual and telephonic platforms
- To continue indefinitely

## Timely Filing Waiver Review

- Review of requests for timely filing waivers
  - Staffing
  - Eligibility delays due to data source errors/changes
- Billing education and coaching for providers with staffing changes through Beacon Health Options
- As of 9/15/21, we are not accepting waiver reviews for FY21 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)

# Direct Effects of COVID-19 on the SB 123 Program

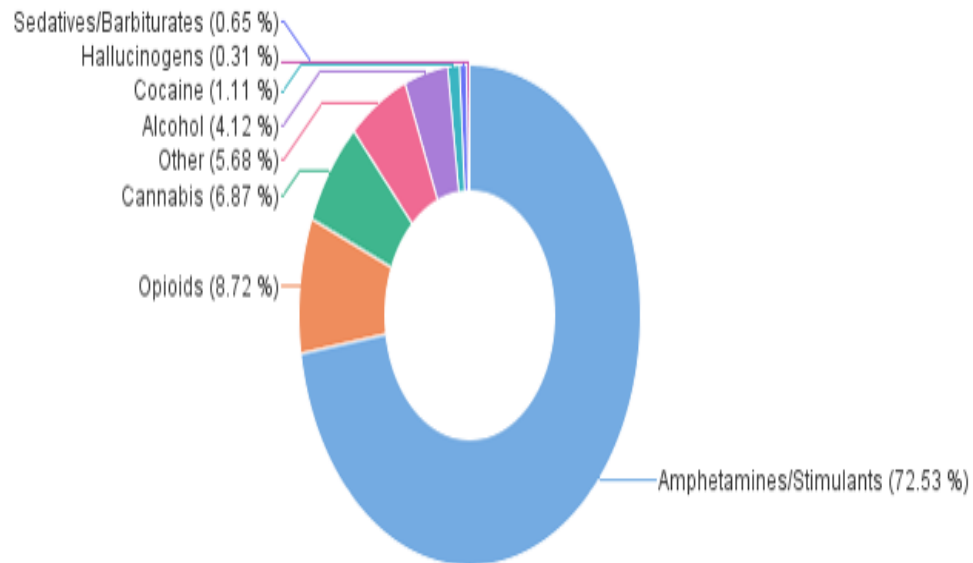
- Reduced Total Expenditures
  - Providers experienced service disruptions
    - Social Distancing/Quarantine requirements
    - Staff reduction, illness, or office closures
    - Policies regarding inpatient care and group size
  - Offenders were not being sentenced at the same rate
    - Fewer offenders entering the program
    - Staffing difficulties and delays in court and supervisory agencies
    - Continuing to see this trend
- Change in the utilization of modalities
  - Specifically, **Outpatient Group** (17%-22%) and **Reintegration** (10.9%-5.6%)

# Expenditures by Diagnosis

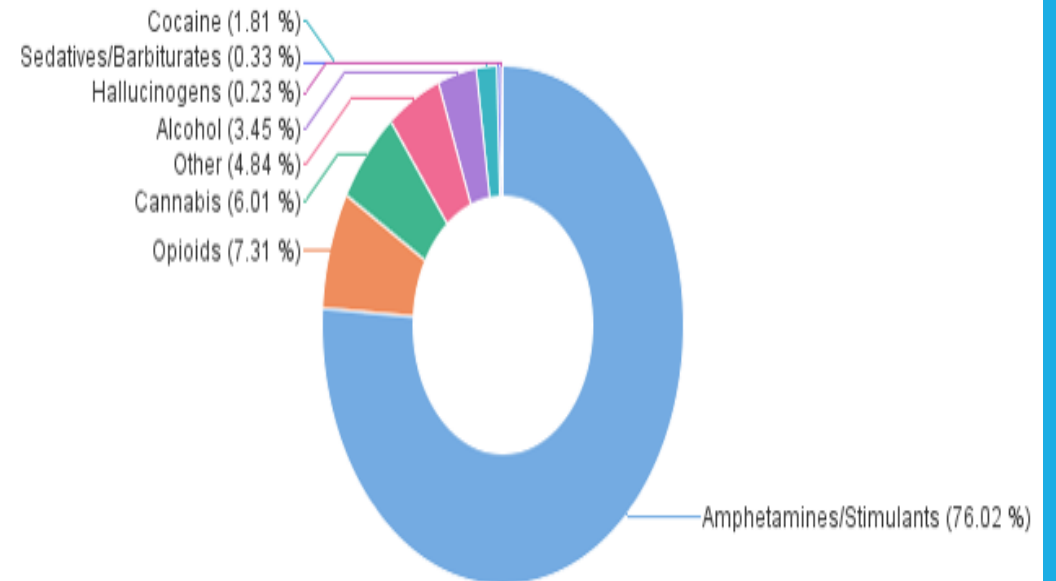
FY21

FY20

Total Paid Amount by Diagnosis



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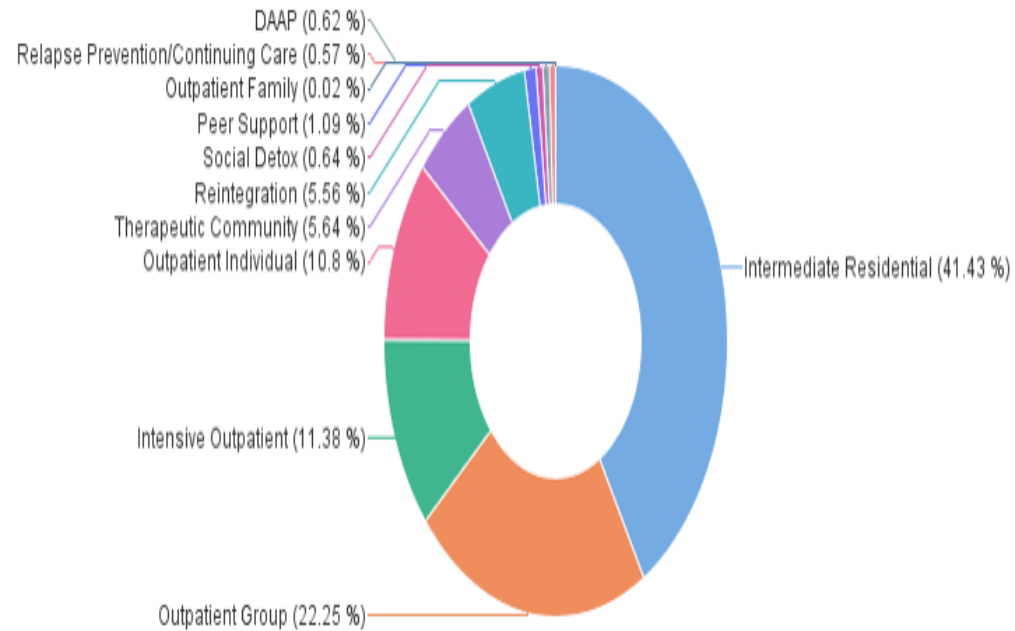




# Expenditures by Modality

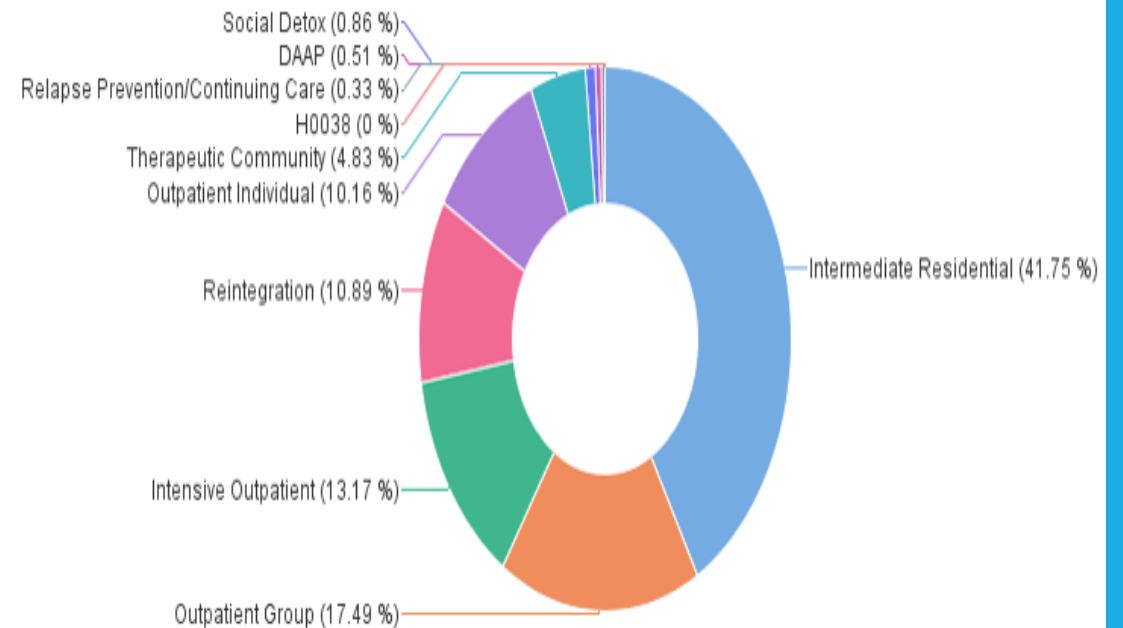
## FY21

Total Paid Amount by Service



## FY20

Total Paid Amount by Service



# Clarification: Program Expectations

- Offenders are entitled to 18 months of substance use treatment
- Treatment should reflect the needs of the offender
- Data indicates that use of intensive services without continued care/relapse prevention results in short-term therapeutic gains and can create treatment resistance
- Appropriate referrals should be made to services based on offender need and ability of provider to render services
- Communication is vital among stakeholders

# Offender Data & KDOC's ATHENA System

KDOC went live with their new ATHENA system April 19, 2021

- Resulted in data draw errors and slow down in KSSC processing of new offender data and integration of old files
- Duplicate files, lack of KBI #, special characters, etc.

Supervising Agencies/Offices/Officers

- **Please ensure that all offenders have a KBI #**
- **Please use care when entering data**

ATHENA Training Resources

- KDOC provides training for ATHENA users
- **Please contact KDOC for instruction on entering/changing/locating data**

# HB 2026- Diversion Program

Allows access to funding for those granted diversion (July 1, 2021)

## Supervision

- OJA
- KDOC
- DA's offices

Entitled to same modalities over 18 months as SB 123 clients

- Providers will be the same and be subject to certification requirements
- May have different level of care needs

## Data collection & eligibility

- Challenging
- 3+ data sources
- Entries contributed by a variety of professionals
- Collaborating with Beacon Health Options on solutions for integrated data and eligibility collection and maintenance
- Unique forms for HB 2026

## Funding

- Payment for services will be paid out of SB 123 funding for this fiscal year
- Cost caps will be the same as SB 123

# HB 2026- How to Bill

- **KDOC**

- Utilize KDOC guidance regarding documentation of Diversion cases in ATHENA
- Contact KDOC with questions or data change needs regarding ATHENA
- Utilize HB 2026-specific forms

- **OJA & DAs' Offices**

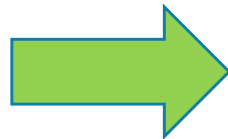
- Email [SB123payments@ks.gov](mailto:SB123payments@ks.gov)
- We are working on accommodating eligibility data, but this will need to be performed manually for now
- After eligibility is established and client is entered appropriately, providers can bill in ProviderConnect
- All relevant information must be included (KBI #)
- Offender must be identified as HB 2026 and must utilize new forms
- **Upcoming trainings**

# SB 18

- Allows access to funding for Level 4 offenders (small sales)
- Average cost per offender lower than average for SB 123
- Unclear how this will be utilized into the future

FY19

1 offender



FY20

28 offenders

# KDADS/BSRB SUD Treatment Licensure Changes

Response to workforce shortages and limits to access to care

Addictions Counselors- no additional training

Other licensure types (LMFT, LCMFT, LMLP, LCP, LPC, LCPC, LMSW, LSCSW)

- Requires proof of addiction-specific training by transcript, CEU, or OJT
- Will need this proof in file for audit purposes

KSSC voted to adopt this structure (Oct 5, 2021)

Please submit documentation to Gwyn Harvey

# Upcoming Changes

Look for some changes over the next 6-9 months



Stay up to date with these changes by signing up for our email updates!



Notification of changes will be sent via email & posted to website



Please reach out with any questions/comments/concerns!



# Billing: Reminders & Updates

SB 123 Program Auditor- Trish Beck

# SB 123 Forms have been updated (revision date of August 20, 2021)

- Required documents for Pre-Sentence Assessments:
  - “Pre-Sentence Assessment Invoice for Purchase of Service” –
  - SB 123 Assessment Summary Form
  - Cover sheet SASSI-4
  - Clinical Interview Summary WITH ASAM Criteria
- Please note: Individual SASSIs performed by Community Corrections/Court Services must still be billed through our finance office. Please utilize form on website.

# Troubleshooting for Treatment Providers

- **Can't find an offender in Provider Connect?**
  - Contact the ISO to be sure you have correct information for offender:
    - Date of birth
    - KBI#- **MUST** be in ATHENA (Individual ID's)
    - ATHENA# (Starts with a "2"- 10 digits long)
    - ISO Entered all info into ATHENA and indicated as "Sentence Type"- Pre or Post-Sentence SB123

# Troubleshooting for Treatment Providers

- Can't process a claim with other funding because Provider Connect says it's currently SB 123 funded?
- Can't process a claim in Provider Connect when it should be SB 123 funded?
  - Contact the ISO 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the case associated with offender:
    - Are there two (2) SB123 cases active?
    - Have ISO verify information in ATHENA
    - Treatment Providers can't authorize termination of SB123 funding w/ KSSC
    - Verification comes from ISO only and it is necessary for KSSC to contact Beacon
    - Have ISO email [sb123payments@ks.gov](mailto:sb123payments@ks.gov) explaining:
      - Offender's name and ATHENA#
      - KBI#
      - Case #(s)
      - Date(s) to terminate SB123 funding and why
      - Provide all information in the email including an explanation

# Troubleshooting for ISO's

- Be sure KBI# has been entered into ATHENA (Individual ID's)
- **Treatment provider calls and says they can't process a claim in Provider Connect?**
  - Are there 2 SB123 cases active?
  - Only one case can be funded- the most current case should be active
  - Verify/compare information in ATHENA with your CPA and records
  - Email KSSC [sb123payments@ks.gov](mailto:sb123payments@ks.gov) or call 785-296-1546 explaining:
    - When and why the case needs to be termed as a SB123 case /funding
    - Provide all information in the email including an explanation
      - Offender name
      - Case number(s)
      - Date of birth
      - KBI#
      - Sentencing date/Treatment start date (Effective)/Termination Date and reason to inform Beacon (ex: didn't qualify for sb123)

# Weekly Data Sharing Process

1. ATHENA's data entered from ISO's (DOC#, KBI#, DOB, Case#)
2. KDOC IT pulls file with designated offender information from ATHENA
3. KSSC imports and cleans data from KDOC to the KSSC program (Wednesdays)
4. KSSC exports data files to Beacon

**WITHOUT KBI# in ATHENA- NO SB123 data is shared !!!**

\* Note: changes made in ATHENA will not be reflected in KSSC/Beacon data until the following Wednesday

# Stay Up To Date!

- Don't miss out on new information
- Add your email address to our mailing list
- KSSC home page: "STAY UP TO DATE"
  - "Sign up" button
  - (right hand column)

# KDOC Certification: Reminders & Updates

SB 123 Program Manager (KDOC)- Gwyn Harvey, LAC



# Provider Certification

- Providers **must be approved and certified** to work with SB 123 clients in any modality
- Providers must have an active/current BSRB license or be a Peer Mentor with appropriate documentation
- Please submit updated licenses as soon as possible
- For providers adding staff, please submit all required documentation
  - BSRB wall certificate, recent BSRB renewals, SASSI IV certificate, KDOC training documentation, non-LAC licensure addictions training documentation
  - Additions or deletions to staffing need to be submitted via change form

# Adding/Deleting Modalities

- Providers must submit implementation plan **addendum** for approval when adding a new modality
- Additions or deletions to modalities must be submitted via **change form**
- Please ensure that both KSSC and KDOC have your current email address and preferred contact information for your agency
- Please remember, Peer Mentorship is not a “stand alone” modality
  - Refer to Cost Cap sheet for modality provision and billing requirements

# Assessments & Client Placement Agreements

- Please utilize updated forms to submit Assessments
- Obtain and transfer assessments according to legal and ethical requirements governing this population
- Assessments should be narratively complete, per ASAM criteria and should be congruent with Summary Form recommendations across continuum of care
- Either party (supervision officer or treatment provider) may initiate the CPA
  - Make sure both parties have signed, updated copies with client files
  - Please utilize updated forms
- Maintain contact with client's ISO/supervision officer throughout treatment and communicate treatment needs as needed
  - Monthly Report forms

# Thank you!

On behalf of the SB 123 Team, thank you for doing your part to make this program a success and improve the lives and safety of Kansas citizens!



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# Q & A

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