

FAQ for NOMS

There are six National Outcome Measures (NOMS) that must be completed during admission and discharge of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment facilities in Kansas. This FAQ guides providers in completing the NOMS for Abstinence from Alcohol and Drugs, Criminal Justice, Employment, Housing, and Social Connectedness.

What is the Federal Definition of Homeless?

See [HEARTH ACT of May 2009](#) for complete details.

How is the National Outcome Measure data used?

- Provider Report Card: ValueOptions-Kansas uses the data to measure the improvement and outcomes from year to year.
- National Outcome Reporting: AAPS uses this data to determine the percent change from admission to discharge and then submits the aggregate results to SAMSHA annually.

When do I fill out the National Outcome Measure data in the KCPC?

The NOMs data are required unless the discharge reason is one of the following: services not completed/agency decision, services not completed/client decision, AWOL/AMA, patient died, or patient discharged by/to court or jail.

When did Social Connectedness get added?

Social Connectedness has been a National Outcome Measure and was implemented in Kansas during fiscal year 2010.

What are the definitions of the National Outcome Measures?

See descriptions below.

Where are the National Outcome Measures captured on the KCPC?

See [screen prints](#) for complete details.

NATIONAL OUTCOME MEASURES

Abstinence from Alcohol

- Admission: Members with no alcohol use (regardless of drug of choice) 30 days prior to admission.
- Discharge: Members with no alcohol use (regardless of drug of choice) 30 days prior to discharge.

Abstinence from Drugs

- Admission: Members with no drug use (regardless of drug of choice) 30 days prior to admission.
- Discharge: Members with no drug use (regardless of drug of choice) 30 days prior to discharge.

Criminal Justice

- Admission: Members without arrests (any charge) 30 days prior to admission.
- Discharge: Members without arrests (any charge) 30 days prior to discharge.

Employment

- Admission: Members who reported being employed or being a student (full or part time) at admission.
- Discharge: Members who reported being employed or being a student (full or part time) at discharge.

Housing

- Admission: Members who reported living in a stable living situation (prior 30 days) at admission.
- Discharge: Members who have a stable living situation i.e.: member's home, or family or friend's home. Members discharging to cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, camp grounds, shelters, hotels, and transitional housing are considered homeless according to the 2009 HEARTH ACT. Please see the Federal Homeless Definition for complete details.

Social Connectedness

- Admission: Members participating in self-help groups (NA, AA, etc.) 30 days prior to admission.
- Discharge: Members who are connected to self-help groups (NA, AA, etc.) at discharge.

