

Care setting comparison

Compare the care setting

Setting	What it means	Questions to ask
Outpatient	You attend scheduled care and leave the same day.	What support is needed at home, and what is the attendance schedule?
Inpatient	You stay overnight in a hospital or treatment setting for around-the-clock care.	What medical or safety needs require this setting?
Residential	You live at a treatment program. Services and medical support vary.	What services are provided, and how is outside medical care arranged?
Withdrawal management / detox	Care focused on withdrawal-related medical needs.	Is a medical withdrawal assessment needed before other treatment?

Source and more information

[SAMHSA treatment types](#)

Source checked September 15, 2026. Contact the relevant organization to confirm current service details.

For immediate danger, call 911. For emotional crisis support, call or text 988. For Massachusetts care navigation, call or text 833-773-2445.