The purpose of the Diagnostic Categories is to identify treatment NEED, not treatment PLACEMENT. Treatment placement is based on The ASAM Criteria and severity in each dimension. The Diagnostic Category does not drive treatment placement or whether the client is referred to a SAI network or MH-Only provider. The Diagnostic Categories assist the CC with ensuring all of the client’s symptoms will be addressed in the most appropriate treatment placement, regardless of the program’s designation of SAI or MH-only.

Accurate assignment of the Diagnostic Categories also assists management with observing how many clients are “substance use only,” “mental health only,” and how many are “co-occurring” to inform programmatic decision-making. The Diagnostic Category may change during an episode of care; in these instances, the CC must update the Diagnostic Category (in Atlantis, this will be on all CSRs).

**SAI/BHI Diagnostic Categories:**

SA1. Substance Use Disorder Only

SA2. Substance Use Disorder (primary) with Low to High Mental Disorder SAI

BH3. Mental Disorder Only

BH4. Mental Disorder (primary) with Low to High Substance Use Disorder BHI

**Category 1 – SA1 (SAI):** This category includes individuals with any severity substance use disorders (SUD) and no current mental health symptoms. Psychiatric symptoms are no longer present or are non-existent. The primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder. **These are not considered co-occurring clients.**

**Category 2-SA2 (SAI):** These clients have substance use disorders as the primary diagnosis with presenting low to high mental health symptoms. These individuals can be accommodated in treatment settings of either co-occurring mental health or co-occurring chemical dependency programs, with consultation or collaboration between settings if needed. The primary diagnosis is a substance use disorder. **These clients are considered co-occurring clients.**

**Category 3- BH3 (BHI):** This category includes individuals with any severity mental health symptoms that are usually identified as priority clients within the mental health system. The primary diagnosis is a mental health disorder. **These are not considered co-occurring clients. (These clients do not have current symptoms of substance use disorders.)**

**Category 4- BH4 (BHI):** Includes individuals with any severity of mental health symptoms as the primary diagnosis who also have any severity of substance use disorders. These individuals require comprehensive and integrated services for both their mental health symptoms and substance use symptoms, or relapse prevention for their SUD in remission. The primary diagnosis is a mental health disorder. **These clients are considered co-occurring clients and substance use should be addressed in treatment with random urine drug screening.**