

# RECOVERY FROM ADDICTION

## Re-Thinking Addiction Treatment: Adding Value to Treatment



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# Part I



## Does Anything Work?

- FDA standards of effectiveness
- Do substance abuse treatments meet those standards?

# An FDA Perspective



## A Drug is Approved for “An Indication”

### 2 -Randomized Clinical Trials:

Often ask for separate investigators

### Placebo Control:

Movement to test vs approved medication

# FDA-Level Evidence



- Therapies

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Motivational Enhancement Therapy
- Community Reinforcement and Family Training
- Behavioral Couples Therapy
- Multi Systemic Family Therapy
- 12-Step Facilitation
- Individual Drug Counseling

# FDA-Level Evidence



- Medications

- Alcohol (Disulfiram, Naltrexone, Accamprosate)
- Opiates (Naltrexone, Methadone, Buprenorphine)
- Cocaine (Disulfiram, Topiramate, **Vaccine?**)
- Marijuana (**Rimanoban**)
- **Methamphetamine – Nothing Yet**

## Part II

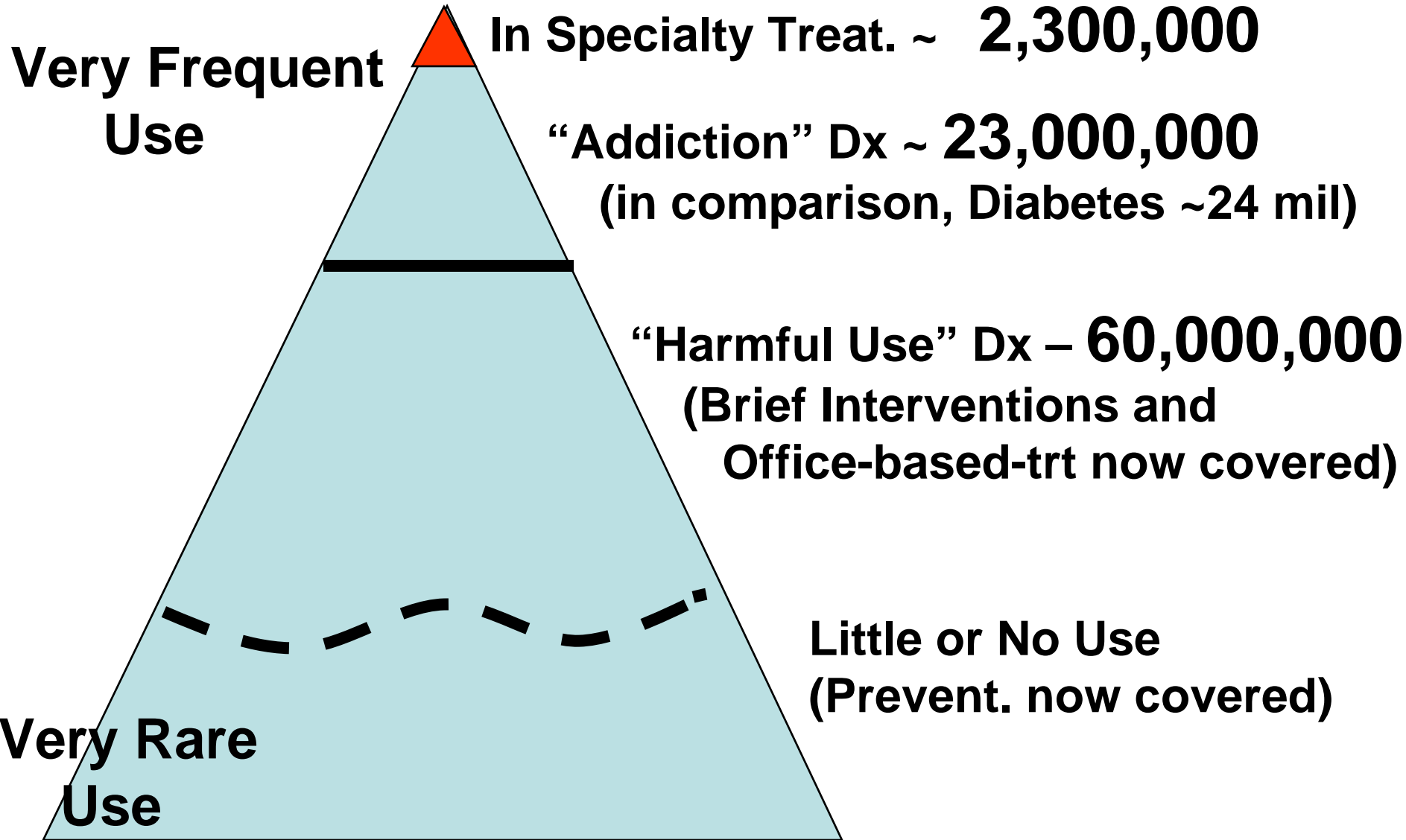


# The Specialty Care System: A “Customer” Perspective

- Patient Survey
- Care Provided
- Infrastructure

# Scope of Substance Use in the US

Alcohol, Illicit & non-prescribed drugs



# Addiction Specialty Care



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  - 65% private, not for profit
  - 77% primarily government funded
- Private insurance <12%**

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# Organization, financing, management problems prevent clinical advances



Inability to adopt better clinical practices

Inability to attract broader range of patients

Inability to create value for purchasers & growth opportunities for field

Vicious Circle

poor quality restricts income,

low income restricts quality efforts

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# Referral Sources



Source	1990	2008
Criminal Justice	38%	61%
Employers/EAP	10%	6%
Welfare/CPS	8%	14%
Hosp/Phys	4%	3%

What Do Purchasers Want?



# Public Expectations of Addiction Treatment

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# Public Expectations of Substance Abuse Interventions



- Safe, complete detoxification
- Reduced use of medical services
- Eliminate crime
- Return to employment/self support
- Eliminate family disruption
- *No return to drug use*

# Addiction Severity Index



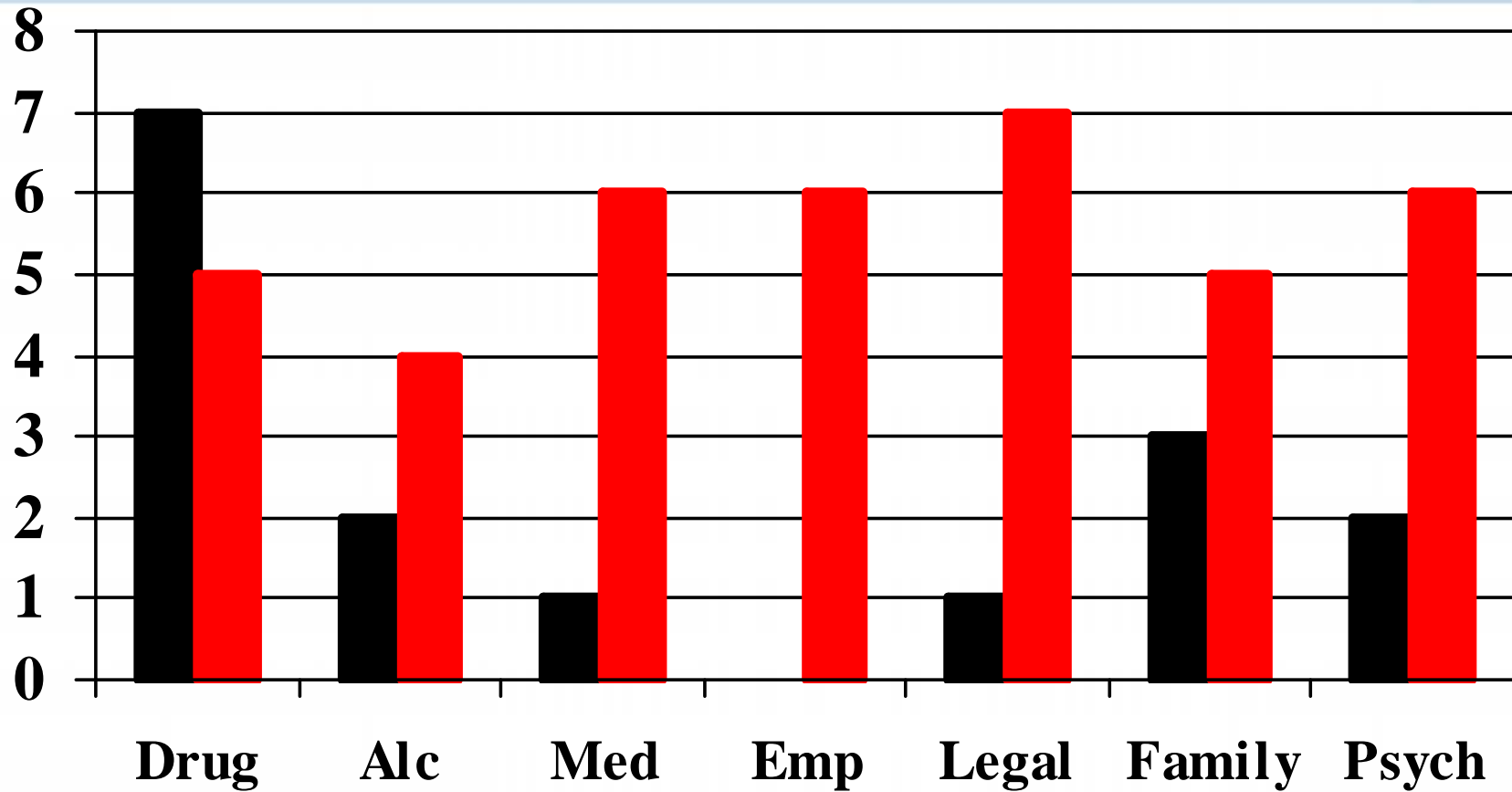
45-60 Minute, structured interview of  
Lifetime and recent (past 30 days) problem severity

Substance Abuse: Alcohol/Drug use

Personal Health: Medical status  
Psychiatric condition

Social Functioning: Employment  
Family relationships  
Legal status

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New Purchasing Methods



# Performance Contracting In Delaware

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# Delaware Situation 2002



- 11 Outpatient Providers
- Limited Budget
- No success with outcome evaluation
- Providers won't/can't use EBPs

# Delaware's Performance Based Contracting



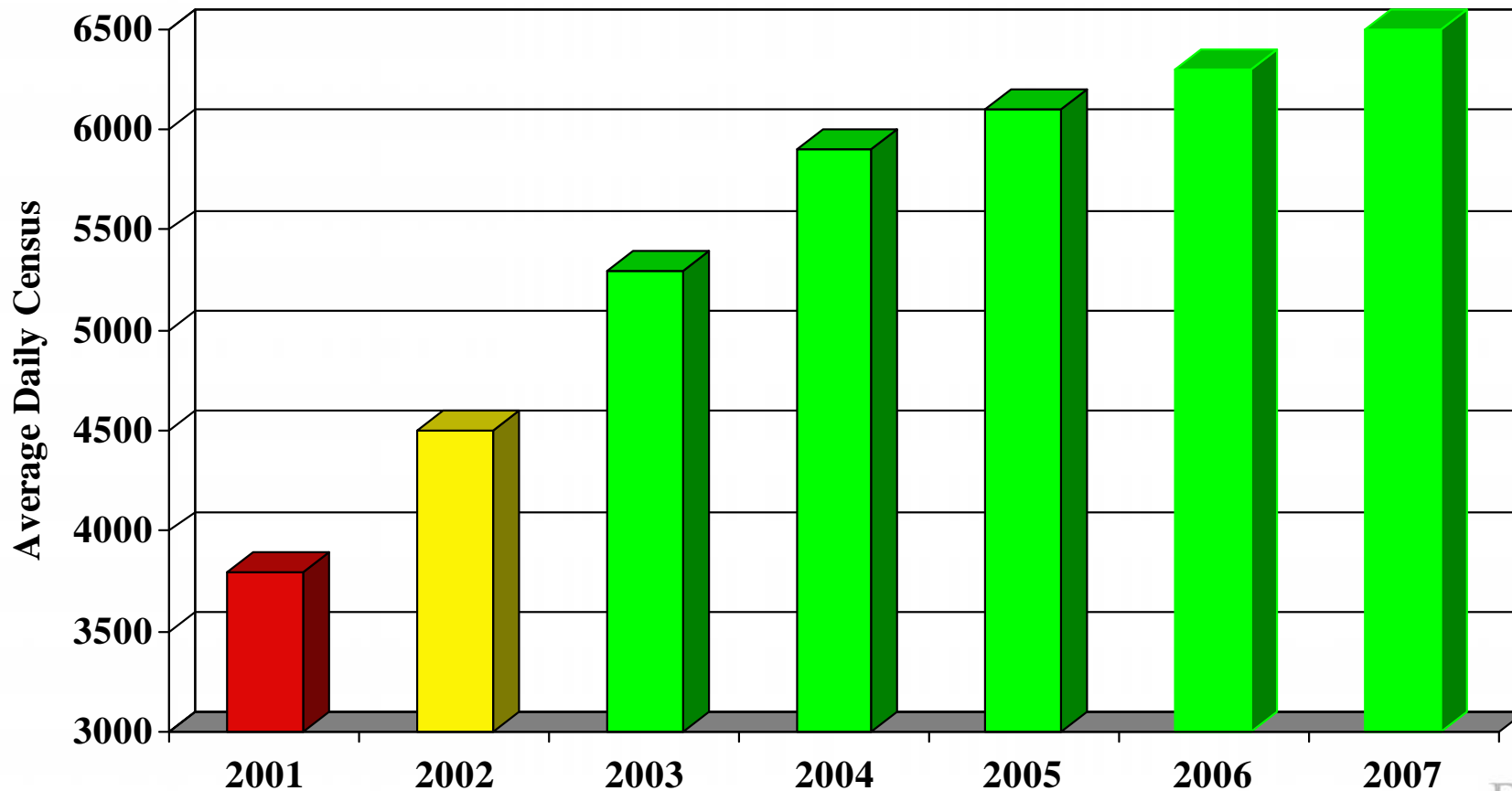
- 2002 Budget – 90% of 2001 Budget
- Opportunity to Make 106%
- Two Criteria:
  - Full Utilization
  - Active Participation
- Audit for accuracy and access

# Delaware's Results Years 1 & 2



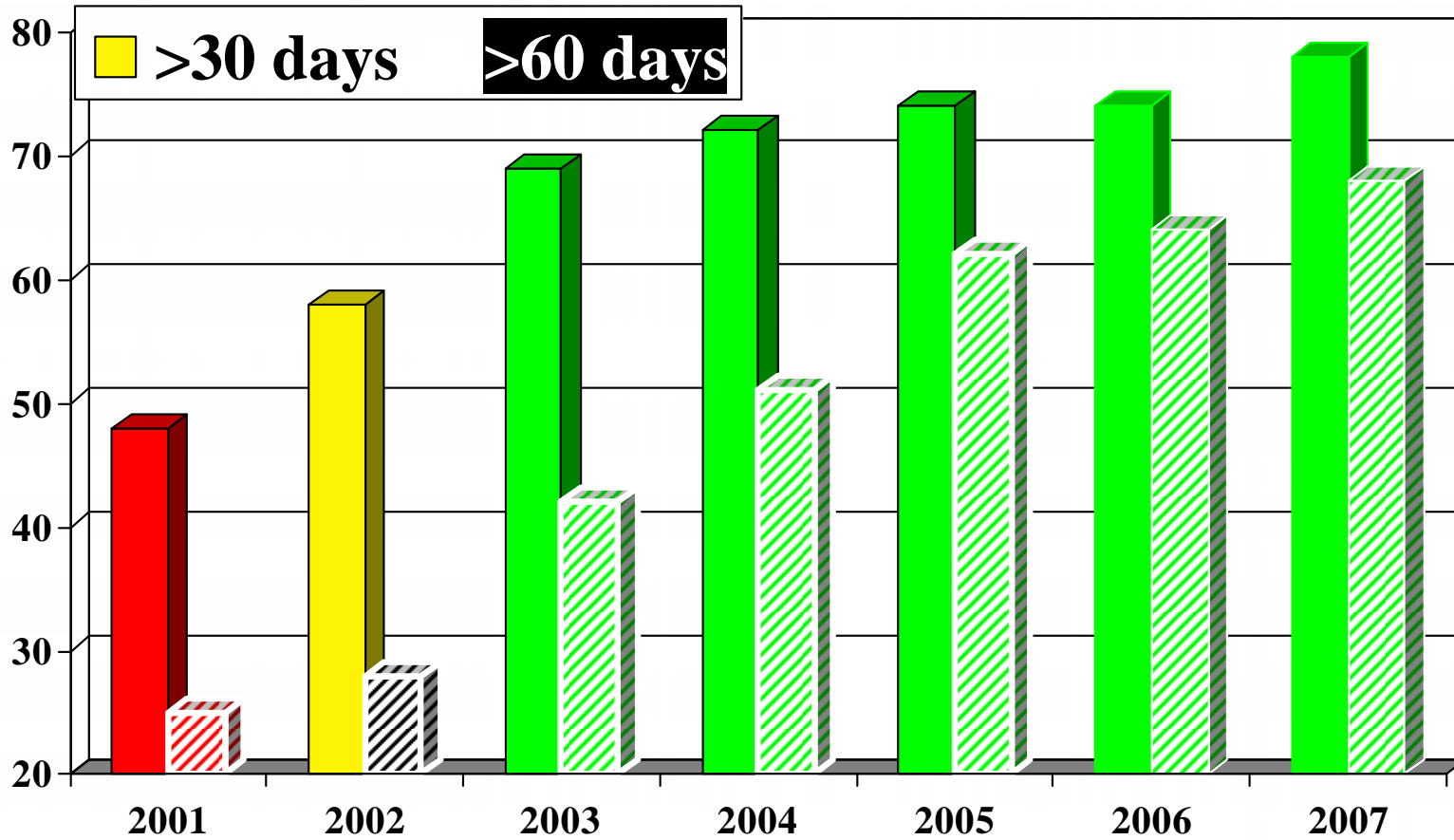
- **One program lost contract**
- **Two new providers entered, did well**
  - **Mental Health and Employment Programs**
- **Programs worked together**
  - **First, common sense business practices**
  - **Second, incentives for teams or counselors**
- **5 programs learned MI and MET**

# Utilization



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# % Attending





But – Remember, you get what you get  
what you pay for!

# **Buying Continuity: Paying for Better Referral**

# Delaware Situation 2008



- Two Detoxification providers (Hosp)
- Very Expensive (25% of all expense)
- Very few continued any kind of care
- 15% of patients had 3+ detoxes/yr

# Delaware's Effort: Incentives for Better Linkage



- 2008 Budget – Contingencies in place
- 90% based on 90%+ census and on “Medical Completion”
- 10% plus \$500/patient bonus based on:
  - Referral (2 visits) to continuing care (Res or Opt)
  - Active participation for 30 days care
- Audit for accuracy and access



# Delaware's Good News

## Years 1 & 2



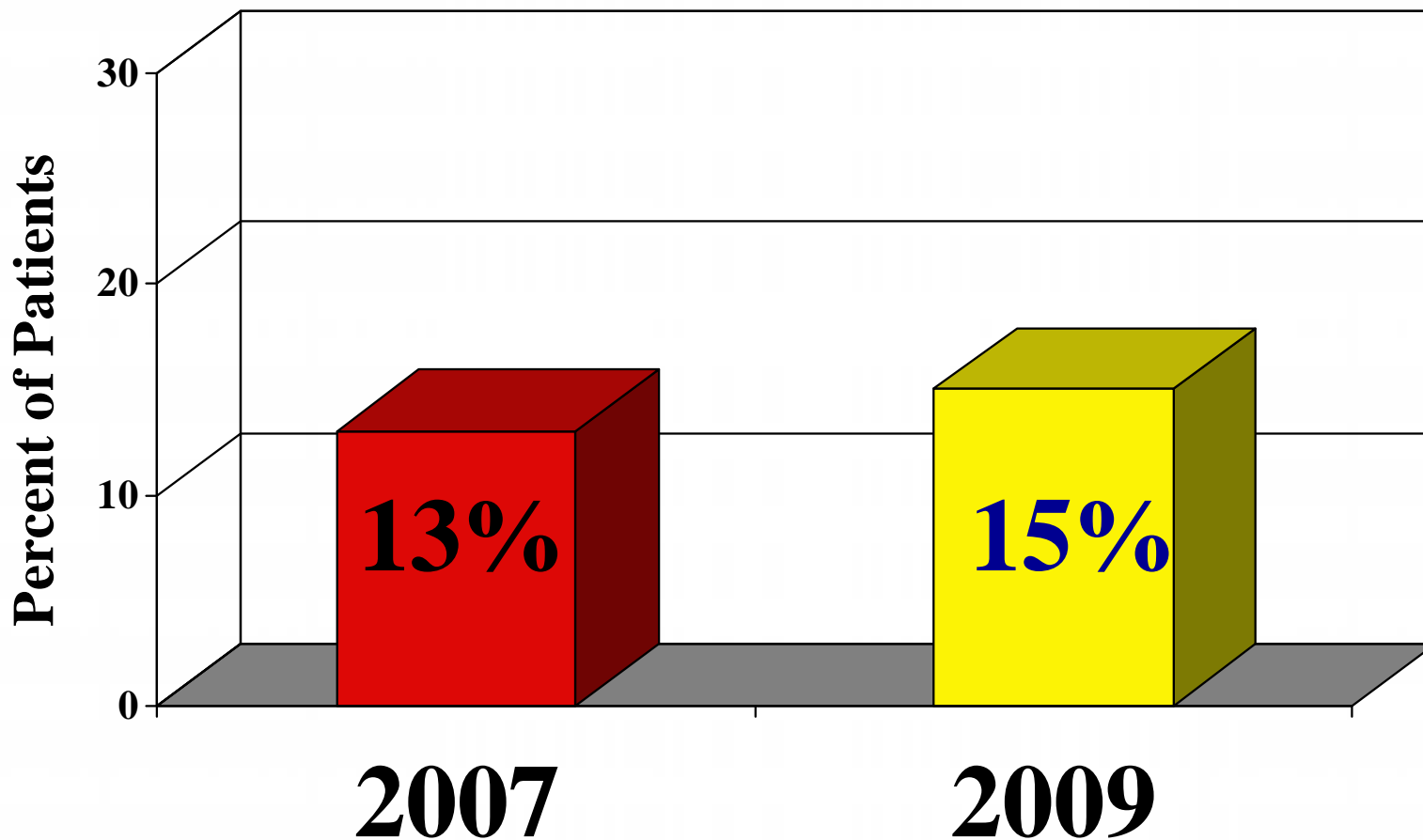
- **Utilization increased to ~98%**
  - No change in patient characteristics
- **Case Managers Hired by Detox Unit**
  - Motivational Interviewing plus transportation
- **Active efforts to stimulate continuity**
  - OPT programs did admissions during Detox
  - Transportation directly to OPT programs

# Delaware's Bad News Years 1 & 2



- **No Change in Continuation Rates:**
  - **Small negative change for 3+ patients**

# Continuing Past Detox



# Why?



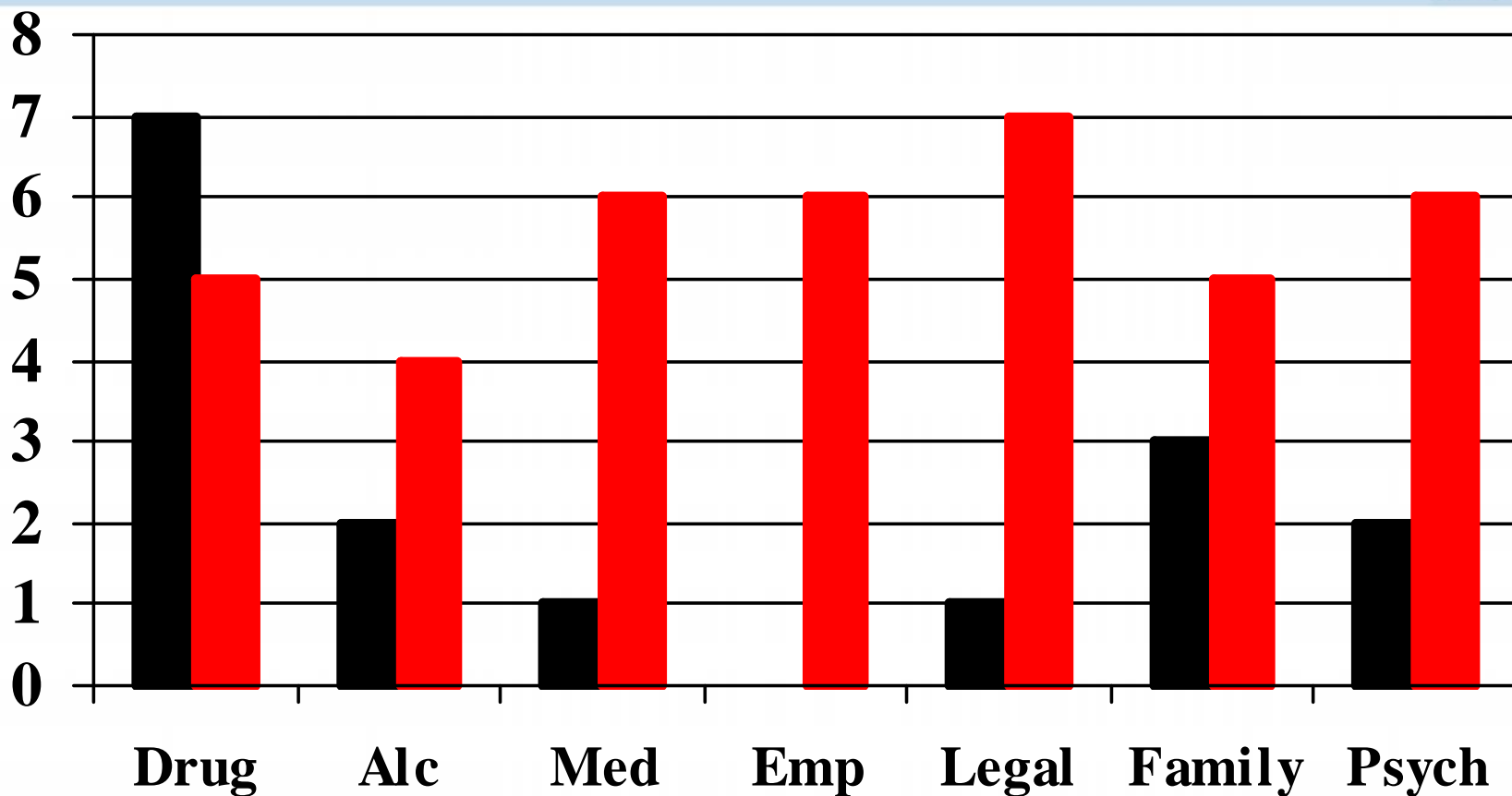
- **Patients were very sick**
  - Majority had medical, psych, emp and housing needs
- **Residential facilities were full - OPT facilities lacked services**
- **Delaware paid for referral – not for retention in continuing care**
  - Paradoxical result of earlier success

# Other Applications of New Purchasing



## **Buying a Continuum of Care: Not the Pieces!**

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# The Current Continuum of Care



**Continuing Care**

2x per mo.

**Outpatient Care**

1 – 2 x per wk.

**Purchaser**

**Intensive OP**

3x per wk.

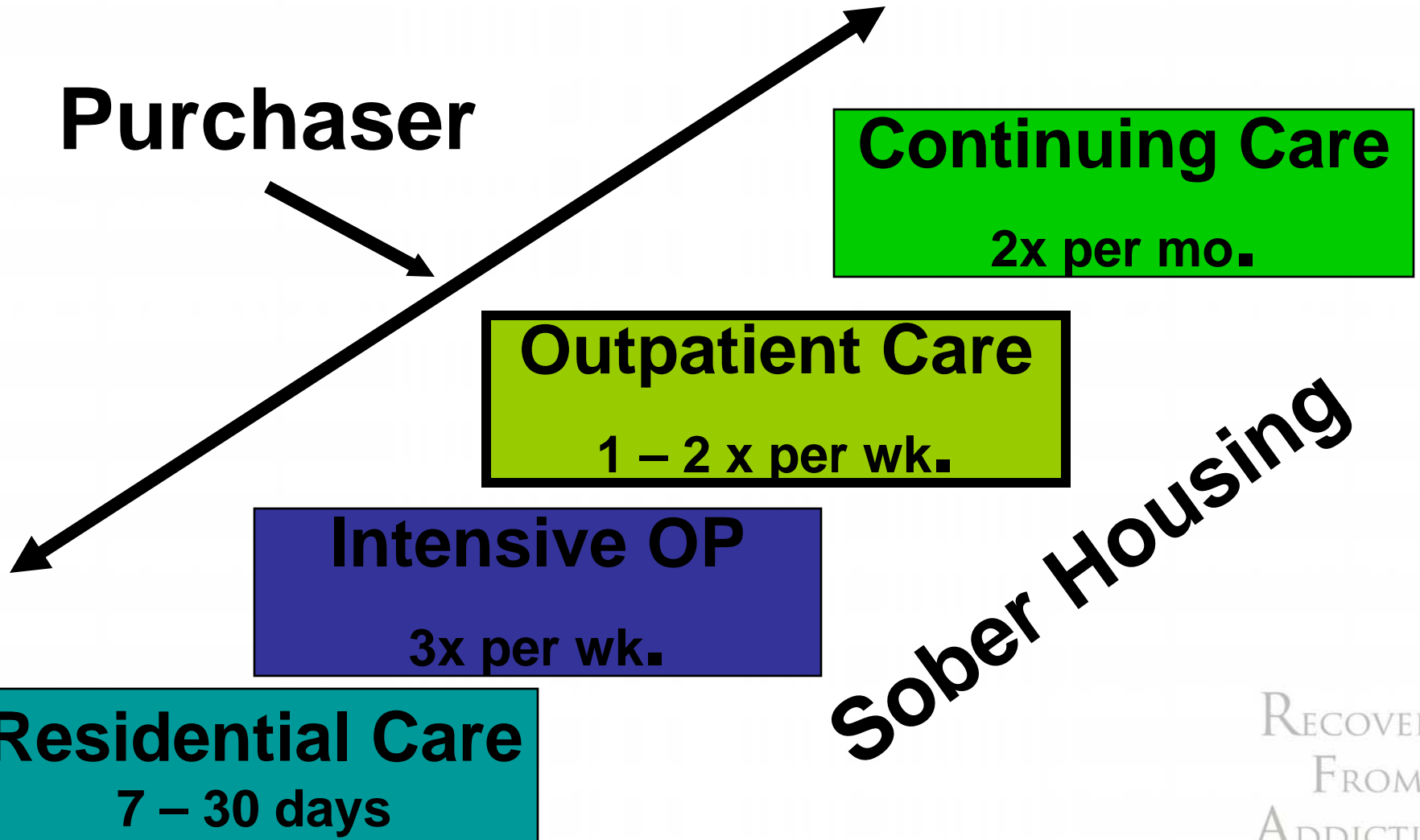
**Residential Care**

7 – 30 days

# Functional Continuum of Care



**Purchaser**



**Sober Housing**



# Conclusions



- Specialty care system is in trouble
  - Customers Do Not Want the Product
  - Ruled by Gov, Not Market Forces
- The System Must Change:
  - Is isolated and insular
  - Restricts population willing to enter
  - Cannot produce quality care

# Conclusions



## **Purchasers CAN** Change

- Meet Customer Needs – Offer New Options
- Public Health Value thru Patient Value



# - The End -

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