



MEDICAL NECESSITY CRITERIA
23-Hour Bed Rapid Assessment and Stabilization

Program Description

This service is designed to provide a safe assessment environment for members whose acute psychiatric symptoms are likely to stabilize within 23 Hours. The member would then be appropriate for disposition to a level of care that is less restrictive than acute inpatient services.

Admission Criteria

Must Meet Criteria I, II and IV or Criteria III and IV

- I. The person is in need of intensive clinical intervention, which is likely to abate within 23 hours or less either through the natural expected course of the clinical condition, or by clinical and social intervention. _____

- II. Appendix T Criteria for Adult Inpatient Psychiatric Admission are met. _____

- III. Criteria for inpatient admission is not clearly met and there is a question of the member's safety and stability due to the lack of appropriate supports in the community. _____

- IV. The severity of the illness presented must meet one or more of the following:
 - The person has a psychiatric diagnosis and may have a coexisting condition of substance abuse with depressive symptoms, suicidal or homicidal ideation, intoxication and/or some degree of withdrawal symptoms or the potential for withdrawal symptoms to begin. _____
 - The person presents with a history of readmissions due to suicidal ideation that has been resolved rapidly with clinical intervention. _____
 - An individual with a Serious and Persistent Mental Illness who is acutely disturbed by a social or environmental trauma which causes an exacerbation of symptoms. _____

Discharge Criteria

Must Meet I and II, or III

- I. The member meets Appendix T Inpatient Discharge Criteria _____

AND
- II. A disposition plan for transition to a less intensive level of care has been developed through consultation with the community provider, member and/or family and case manager, _____

OR
- III. The member continues to meet Appendix T Criteria for Acute Inpatient level of care and less restrictive alternatives have been ruled out. _____