



MEDICAL NECESSITY CRITERIA
COMMUNITY TREATMENT TEAM

Program Description

Community Treatment Teams are established as a primary, direct service which provides comprehensive and intensive outpatient mental health treatment, rehabilitative and support services to persons ages 18 and older with serious and persistent mental illness and are not able to benefit from traditional Mental Health services. CTT services are targeted to those persons who have not achieved and maintained health and stability in the community, and for whom without these services would continue to experience hospitalization, incarceration, psychiatric emergencies and homelessness. Guided by CSP Principles, Community Treatment Team Services shall merge clinical, rehabilitative and support staff expertise within one service delivery team with minimal referral of consumers to other program entities for these interventions.

Admission Criteria

Must Meet Criteria I, II and III or IV

I. Diagnosis:

The person must have a primary diagnosis of Schizophrenia or other Psychotic Disorders or Chronic Major Mood Disorder_____

AND

II. Indicators of Continuous High Service Needs: **Must have (a) and (b) and 1 additional of the following:**

(a) High use of Acute Inpatient Services or Emergency Services (3 or more Admissions to an inpatient facility in one year)_____

(b) Inability to participate in traditional site based services (Evidence exists of documented efforts to engage the consumer by a licensed treatment or case management provider for 45 days and supporting documentation that without BH treatment and support, the consumer's well being and stability will be jeopardized)_____

(c) Intractable severe symptoms that severely impair functioning._____

(d) Coexisting Substance Dependence disorder of significant duration _____

(e) High risk or recent history of criminal justice involvement related to the identified behavioral health diagnosis (arrest and incarceration)_____

(f) Inability to maintain a safe living situation due to the indicated behavioral health diagnosis (Homeless, substandard housing)_____

AND

III. Functioning Level- Must have 1 of the following:

(a) Global Assessment of Functioning Scale rating of 40 and below _____

(b) A rating of 60 and below if the person is 35 years of age or younger and has a history of violent or aggressive behavior _____

OR

IV. The individual does not meet the Medical Necessity Criteria but who is designated as appropriate to receive Community Treatment Team Services by a multidisciplinary team which includes participation by representatives of Community Care Behavioral Health Organization in consultation with a CCBH Physician Advisor.

Continued Stay Criteria

Must Meet Criteria I, II and III

- I. The person continues to need the intensity of treatment as defined in Admission Criteria_____
- II. There is reasonable expectation that based on the person's current condition and past history, that withdrawal of CTT will impede improvement or result in rapid decompensation or the reoccurrence of symptoms or behaviors which cannot be managed in a less intensive level of care. _____
- III. Treatment Planning and subsequent therapeutic interventions reflect appropriate, adequate and timely implementation of all treatment approaches in response to the person's changing needs. _____

Discharge Criteria

Must Meet Criteria I, II and III

- I. The consumer and the team determine that CTT services are no longer wanted or needed based on the attainment of goals as identified in the consumer's treatment plan._____
- II. The consumer moves out of county and the CTT has facilitated the referral to mental health services in the new place of residence and has assisted the consumer in the transition to services. _____
- III. The consumer chooses to withdraw from CTT services and attempts to reengage with the service have not been successful.