



Mobile Medication Team Medical Necessity Criteria

Program Description

The Mobile Medication Team is a voluntary, community delivered service for adult Health Choices- eligible consumers, diagnosed with a serious mental illness that experience difficulties progressing toward recovery due to the inconsistent adherence to a prescribed medication regime. Members of the team will have the capacity to administer medication if indicated as well as act as a liaison with the prescriber. The Mobile Medication Team will also provide education and training to assist consumers and families with developing skills to manage their medication effectively in order to control symptoms and increase community tenure. The Mobile Medication Team operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays.

Admission Criteria

Must Meet Criteria I and II

- I. The person must be 18 years of age or older and have a primary diagnosis of a serious mental illness, (Major Depressive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Psychosis NOS, Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective Disorder) and be prescribed psychotropic medication.

- II. The person is in need of community delivered psychiatric nursing services to prevent the need for more restrictive levels of care and to improve community tenure. The person must meet one of the following:
 - A. Receiving Case Management or other ambulatory services and in need of intensive medication management to prevent the need for an inpatient level of care
 - B. Current inpatient admission or readmission due to non-adherence or inconsistent adherence to the prescribed medication regime
 - C. Initiation or revision of a complex medication regime
 - D. Medical diagnosis that requires coordination of Physical and Behavioral Health issues, including medication management
 - E. Temporary or permanent absence/withdrawal of a primary support who had been assisting the person with medication management

Continued Stay Criteria:

Must Meet Criteria I, II and III

- I. The person continues to require this community-delivered service as defined in Admission Criteria

- II. The person and/or family is actively participating in the program or engagement attempts are continuing

- III. Active transition planning is in progress and must reflect adequate and timely implementation of interventions which are responsive to the needs of the individual

Discharge Criteria

Must Meet Criteria I or II

- I. The person has completed treatment goals and has successfully demonstrated the ability to manage his/her medication regime independently or with appropriate supports and those supports are in place.

- II. Completion of a clearly identified team protocol designed for attempts to engage or reengage the person, the person requests discharge or repeatedly refuses services.