SCREENING FOR CO-OCCURRING MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS (MISA)

Assuring that Members are screened for both mental health and substance abuse issues

Community Care has been working with providers for several years to insure the completion of MISA screenings on all members age 14 and older, which are receiving mental health or substance abuse treatment. Community Care has been gathering MISA screening information from providers during regular utilization reviews and on various authorization request forms. We have recently updated our Crisis Services Notification Form for Allegheny, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Erie, York, Adams, Berks, Luzerne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wyoming and the NorthCentral Counties to include a section to report MISA screening information. The form may be found on our website at:

http://www.ccbh.com/providers/phealthchoices/forms/index.php

Please begin using this form immediately.

For your convenience, we have included the MISA Referral Categories for your reference. If you should have any questions pertaining to the recent change in the process, please feel free to contact your Provider Relations Representative at 888-251-2224.

MISA Referral Categories

MH IP = Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization
MH OP = Partial; Intensive Outpatient Program; Individual, Family or Group Therapy, Medication Checks
MH Res = Mental Health Residential services – including Diversion Acute Stabilization, CRR, LTSR, Supported Housing services, Enhanced Personal Care Boarding Home, etc.
DA IP = Inpatient Detoxification, Inpatient Rehabilitation and Non-Hospital Detoxification
DA OP = Outpatient Drug & Alcohol treatment services including Partial and IOP
DA Res – Non-Hospital Residential Rehabilitation, Halfway House, Three Quarter Way House, etc.
MISA Program – Licensed MH or licensed D&A program that offers treatment and supportive services for both Mental Illness and Substance Abuse problems. Such programs clearly identify themselves as MISA or Dual programs.
Community Service – non-clinical supportive services including self-help groups, support groups, religious activities, case management, recovery supports, advocacy groups, education groups, etc.

When conducting routine medical chart audits, Community Care will determine provider compliance with the expectation that appropriate referrals are given to members with co-occurring disorders and documented. We appreciate your assistance in tracking this information as we endeavor to ensure that members are receiving appropriate treatment.