

6.503 Intensive Case Management for Children/Adolescents

Intensive case management services are designed to provide assistance in accessing, linking, coordinating, and monitoring of services from multiple systems (e.g., mental health, physical health, social, educational entitlements) for those adults with serious and persistent mental illness and children with a serious mental illness or emotional disorder and their families. Instrumental to this coordination is the development of an individualized treatment plan which reflects the consumer's strengths and self-identified goals; obtaining individualized services; facilitating linkages to community-based resources; advocating for the consumer's needs, desires, and rights; and reviewing the progress made (including positive and adverse outcomes). This service is expected to achieve specific outcomes of independent living, vocational/educational participation, adequate social supports and reduced use of acute, higher levels of care that remove the individual from the community. These services are provided where the consumer resides or needs the services.

Procedures

Severity of Condition Criteria for Admission

The following criteria must be met for a child or family to receive this service (Chapter 5221):

1. Children who are mentally ill or seriously emotionally disturbed (SED) and have a diagnosis of mental illness and meet one of the following criteria:
 - A. Children who are 6 years of age or younger, enrolled in or require early intervention services under section 671 of the Education of the Handicapped Act, or
 - B. Children and their families are receiving services from three or more publicly funded programs such as, Medical Assistance, TANF and Special Education, or
 - C. Children who are returning from State mental hospitals, community inpatient units or other out-of-home placements, including foster homes and juvenile court placements, or
 - D. Children who are recommended as needing mental health services by a local interagency team which shall include county agency representatives
 - E. May be eligible for Intensive Case Management upon review and recommendation by the county administrator and written approval by the Department's Area Office of Mental Health
1. Goals are established in a written, consumer-specific, family-oriented service plan (the service plan is written within 30 days of initiation of service)

Intensity Service and Continued Stay Criteria

All of the following criteria must be met for continued treatment at this level of care:

1. Continues to meet the Severity of Condition Criteria for Admission
2. There is progress documented toward the goals established;
3. Services are provided at the site of their natural occurrence such as home, school, streets, provider offices, etc.
4. Continued inability to obtain or coordinate services without program support.

Psychosocial Factors

Psychosocial Factors should be considered when making this level of care available for a consumer

Exclusion Criteria

The following criteria are sufficient for exclusion from this level of care:

1. Chooses not to participate in program.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Does not meet criteria for SED definition and recommended by county administrator and approved by State agency.
Discharge Criteria	<p>The following criteria are sufficient for discharge from this level of care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Individual no longer demonstrates need for program according to the judgement of the consumer, family/guardian, treatment team and/or interagency team with input from the treatment provider and is transferred to a different level of care.2. Individual moves out of area and cannot be located.3. Individual chooses not to continue in this level of care or Family/Guardian chooses not to continue this level of care for the individual when the individual is a minor despite repeated attempts at least once every two weeks to engage the consumer over a period of three months.