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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Division of Child and Family Services, Children's Mental Health Services to define eligibility criteria for admission into intensive case management in Outpatient Mental Health which includes Wraparound In Nevada for Children and Families, Children's Clinical Services and Early Childhood Mental Health Services.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to describe the eligibility criteria for a youth to receive targeted case management services through the outpatient mental health programs.

III. DEFINITIONS

Assessment: Activity to determine service needs, including activities that focus on needs identification, to determine the need for any medical, educational, social or other services. Assessment activity may include: Taking client history, identifying the needs of the individual and completing related documentation, gathering information from other sources such as family members, medical providers, social workers, and educators, if necessary, to form a complete assessment of the individual and family. Must include:

1. A comprehensive identification of the individual's strengths and preferences, and consider the individual's physical and social environment;
2. Periodic reassessment to determine whether an individual's needs and/or preferences have changed

Avatar: Medical records and billing information management system utilized by all DCFS children's mental health programs

Children's Clinical Services: A program in Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services providing direct therapy and case management services to children and youth with emotional disturbances ages 6 to 18 years and their families

Early Childhood Mental Health Services: Programs in both Northern and Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services providing direct therapy, case management and day treatment services to children birth to 6 years of age with emotional disturbances and their families

Intake Coordinator: The primary role of the Intake Coordinator is to provide an interface between the State of Nevada's DCFS Mental Health programs and the community at large seeking those programs. The Intake Coordinator is the first point of contact within the service centers for services, information and referral. It is the primary responsibility of the Intake Coordinator to liaison with DCFS and outside agencies, when mental health services are sought on behalf of children.

Outpatient Mental Health Services: A program in Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services providing direct therapy and case management services to children and youth ages 6 to 18 years with emotional disturbances and their families.

Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED): The determination made by a Qualified Mental Health Professional within the scope of their practice and further defined as:

- Persons from birth through 48 months who currently or at any time during the past year (continuous 12-month period) have a:
 1. DC: 0-3 Axis I diagnostic category in place of a DSM Axis I diagnostic category; or
 2. DC: 0-3 Axis II PIR-GAS score of 40 or less (the label for a PIR-GAS score of 40 is "Disturbed"); or
- Persons from 4 to age 18 who currently or an any time during the past year (continuous 12-month period) have:
 1. Diagnosable mental or behavioral disorder or diagnostic criteria that meets the coding and definition criteria specified in the DSM (excluding substance abuse or addictive disorders, irreversible dementias, mental retardation, developmental disorders, and V codes, unless they co-occur with a serious mental disorder that meets DSM criteria); and have a
 2. Functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits the child from achieving or maintaining one or more developmentally appropriate social, behavioral, cognitive, communicative or adaptive skills. Functional impairments of episodic, recurrent, and persistent features are included, however, may vary in terms of severity and disabling effects unless they are temporary and an expected response to stressful events in the environment. Children who would have met functional impairment criteria during the referenced year without the benefits of treatment or other support services are included in this definition

Targeted Case Management Services: Case management services furnished to particular defined target groups or in any defined locations without regard to requirements related to statewide provision of services or comparability. The DCFS target group includes children and adolescents with a determination of a severe emotional disturbance.

UNITY: Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) information management system utilized in DCFS and by county child welfare agencies

Wraparound: Wraparound is a service delivery model adopted by DCFS to serve children with severe emotional disturbances and families who are either in out of home placement or at risk of being placed in out of the home. Wraparound is characterized as a case management model of care that includes a structured and strengths based treatment/planning process involving children, families, their natural supports and system partners who work together to develop a unique set of individualized community based and informal services, the goal of which is to achieve a positive set of outcomes which ensures child safety, permanency, and well-being.

Wraparound In Nevada for Children and Families (WIN): A statewide program for children in the custody of a public child welfare agency that provides intensive targeted case management for children and youth with severe emotional disturbances and multiple, complex needs.

IV. PROCEDURES for Eligibility Requirements Intensive Case Management Services

A. Wraparound In Nevada for Children and Families

1. Child must be 6 to 18 years of age (not yet 18 years old) and Fee For Service Medicaid Eligible;
2. In Northern Nevada and rural Nevada, children under 6 years of age will be considered on a case by case basis;
3. Child must be in an out of home placement;
4. Child must be in the custody of a state or county child welfare agency;
5. Child must have an DSM Axis I mental health diagnosis;
6. Child must be determined to have a severe emotional disturbance (SED);
7. Child must have multiple, complex needs and
8. Child must have had a comprehensive assessment completed within the last year with a recommendation for Targeted Case Management Services.

B. Outpatient Mental Health Services and Children's Clinical Services

1. Child must be 6 to 18 years of age (not yet 18 years old)
2. Child must be accompanied by their Parent/Legal Guardian or child welfare custodial worker;
3. Child must have a clear mental health need
 - a. Children with developmental delays/disabilities(i.e. Autism, Mental Retardation) are served by another state agency
 - i. Desert Regional Center, Sierra Regional Center, Rural Regional Center or
 - ii. Nevada Early Intervention Services
4. Child is eligible if one of the four financial criteria are met:
 - a. Child has no insurance
 - i. At time of intake parent/legal guardian must provide proof of all income. Based on income, child may be eligible for Federal funding assistance or family will be informed of a sliding fee scale in which they would be partially responsible for financial reimbursement for services rendered.
 - b. Child's private insurance policy does not include Outpatient Mental/Behavioral Health coverage
 - i. At time of intake parent will need to provide documentation showing that Outpatient Mental/Behavioral Health is not covered.
 - c. Child has exhausted all Mental/Behavioral Health services provided by their private insurance for the current calendar year.
 - i. At time of intake parent will need to provide documentation showing that Outpatient Mental/Behavioral Health coverage has been exhausted for the current year.
 - d. Child has Medicaid Fee for Service
 - i. Any HMO Medicaid i.e. Health Plan of Nevada or Amerigroup will be treated like a private insurance and they will be referred back to their HMO for services.
5. Child must have an Axis I mental health diagnosis;
6. Child must be determined to have a severe emotional disturbance (SED);
7. Child must have multiple, complex needs and
8. Child must have had a comprehensive assessment completed within the last year.

C. Early Childhood Mental Health Services

1. Child must be birth to 6 years of age;

2. Child must be accompanied by their parent/legal guardian or child welfare custodial worker
3. Child must present with social and/or emotional deficits in their individual functioning or their functioning with their caregivers
 - a. Children with developmental delays/disabilities & (i.e. autism, mental retardation) are served by other public agencies
 - i. Nevada Early Intervention Services or
 - ii. County school districts or
 - iii. Desert Regional Center, Sierra Regional Center or Rural Regional Center
4. Child is eligible if one of the four financial criteria are met:
 - a. Child has no insurance
 - i. At time of intake parent/legal guardian must provide proof of all income. Based on income, child may be eligible for Federal funding assistance or family will be informed of a sliding fee scale in which they would be partially responsible for financial reimbursement for services rendered.
 - b. Child's private insurance policy does not include Outpatient Mental/Behavioral Health coverage
 - i. At time of intake parent will need to provide documentation showing that Outpatient Mental/Behavioral Health is not covered.
 - c. Child has exhausted all Mental/Behavioral Health services provided by their private insurance for the current calendar year.
 - i. At time of intake parent will need to provide documentation showing that Outpatient Mental/Behavioral Health coverage has been exhausted for the current year.
 - d. Child has Medicaid Fee for Service
 - i. Any HMO Medicaid i.e. Health Plan of Nevada or Amerigroup will be treated like a private insurance and they will be referred back to their HMO for services.
5. Child must have an Axis I DC:-0-3 or DSM diagnosis or DC:0-3 Axis II PIR-GAS score of 40 or less
6. Child must be determined to have a severe emotional disturbance
7. Child must have multiple needs
8. Child must have had a comprehensive assessment completed with the last year.