

SAN MATEO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES DIVISION

DATE: October 11, 1996

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY NO.: 96-11

SUBJECT: ACCESS Team – Staffing Requirements

AUTHORITY: Divisional; Revised DMH Quality Standards

SUPERSEDES: New Policy; Amended May 16, 1997

PURPOSE:

To establish employment standards for clinicians performing an assessment and/or authorization function with the Mental Health Plan's ACCESS Team.

POLICY

Every individual recommended for permanent or extra help employment as a clinical staff member of the ACCESS Team must meet one of the following criteria:

- Hold a current clinical license, issued by the State of California. Categories of licensure acceptable for this position include MD, earned doctorate in clinical psychology, LCSW, MFT, and RN with Master's Degree in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing or an equivalent behavioral specialty.
- Be a registered MFT or LCSW intern.
- Be a waived psychology intern.

Approved: _____

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