

SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH SYSTEM
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

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BHRS POLICY: 92-09

SUBJECT: Adult and Older Adult Eligibility Criteria

AUTHORITY: Divisional

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PURPOSE: To define the Adult and Older Adult Population that is eligible for county funded specialty mental health services.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. State Department of Mental Health Medical Necessity Criteria for Specialty Mental Health Services
- B. Criteria for Entry to Adult/Older Adult Behavioral Health Services

POLICY: This policy applies to all county and contracted providers of specialty mental health services.

Eligible adults/older adults shall fall into one of the following categories:

- San Mateo County Medi-Cal beneficiaries consistent with the State-defined medical necessity criteria for specialty mental health services.
- Healthy Families, Healthy Kids, and Healthworx Health Plan of San Mateo beneficiaries consistent with Medi-Cal medical necessity criteria. Note: the upper age for the first two programs varies and thus there are some transition age young adults still covered by these programs.
- Uninsured San Mateo County residents who are seriously mentally ill and have a significant degree of impairment and risk.
- Consumers enrolled in the San Mateo County ACE health insurance plan.
- Insured San Mateo County residents may be served only if all the following conditions apply and to the extent that resources are available:
 - a. Seriously mentally ill and have a significant degree of impairment and risk.
 - b. The needed services are not required to be covered under insurance pursuant to California's Mental Health Parity Law.

The above categories provide a broad view of eligibility criteria. In addition, all county and contracted providers of specialty mental health services will refer to the attached summary of specific criteria when determining an individual client's eligibility. In cases where eligibility is disputed or unclear, the Deputy Director for Adult and Older Adult Services or designee may be appealed to for a ruling.

Approved: Signature on file
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