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I. POLICY:

ACCESS CHRC will provide coverage for court ordered services according to the agency's out of pocket cost. Clients will be encouraged to turn in their court-ordered mental health services for reimbursement if insured.

II. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to delineate, describe, and prescribe the procedures for the Court Ordered Mental Health Treatment and Evaluation.

III. APPLICATION:

This policy applies to ACCESS staff, its affiliates, and contractors, who provide mental health or substance abuse services, supports and treatment on behalf of ACCESS.

IV. DEFINITIONS:

Court ordered services: When a court order for treatment is based on evaluation and recommendation by a physician or licensed Ph.D. level psychologist

Out of pocket: Paying for services before service is rendered. Clients will be encouraged to turn in their court-ordered mental health services for reimbursement if insured.

V. PROCEDURES:

- A. The Intake and Health Benefit Specialists
1. Will create the file in the EMR
 2. Will document the court ordered type of services needed
 3. Assign the case to the appropriately licensed physician, physician assistant or LMSW therapist

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- B. The licensed physician, physician assistant or LMSW therapist must perform the assessment, diagnose and recommend treatment
- C. Mental Health Evaluation components
1. The assessment or mental status exam is to identify appropriate subjective and objective information pertinent to the patient's presenting complaint. The presenting symptoms are to be clearly identified with the onset, duration and intensity documented.
 2. The assessment contains the patient's presenting problem(s) as well as relevant psychological or social conditions affecting the patient's medical or psychiatric status. For children and adolescents (18 and under), past medical history and psychiatric history includes prenatal and perinatal events and a complete developmental history (physical, psychological, social, intellectual, and academic).
 3. The mental status exam is to document the patient's affect, speech, mood, thought content, judgment, insight, attention or concentration, memory, impulse control, suicidal ideation and homicidal ideation.
 4. For patients 10 years and older, there is to be an appropriate notation in the assessment concerning past and present use of tobacco, alcohol, as well as illicit, prescribed and over- the-counter substances.
 5. Past medical/behavioral history is easily identifiable in the record and includes, if applicable; previous treatment dates, former provider information, therapeutic interventions and responses, source of clinical data, relevant family information, results of lab test and consultation reports
 6. To determine if a comprehensive substance use disorder (SUD) evaluation is needed, a SUD screening is to be incorporated into the assessment of all new patients.
- D. The MH evaluation components of the following assessments will be as follow:
1. Civil competency evaluations (evaluation to guide court's in determining whether a person is mentally competent to manage his/her own affairs).
 2. Competency and diminished capacity evaluations (evaluation to guide court's in determining whether to award guardianship of an adult).
 3. Domestic violence assessments.

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- E. Pre-placement assessments (for evaluation prior to placement in various settings, which may include foster care, shelter care, residential treatment, corrections, etc.).
- F. The sex offender evaluations SOE performed as part of treatment is eligible for separate reimbursement. Submit 90899 (unlisted psychiatric service or procedure) with medical records. Coverage and/or liability will be determined based on review and purpose of the evaluation
- G. The following services are available for court ordered
 1. Psychiatric diagnostic evaluation (no medical services) 90791, 90792
 2. Medication Review 10 min. E/M visit
 3. Mental Health Assessment – Biopsychosocial 90791
 4. Psychotherapy, 30 (16-37 mins)
 5. Psychotherapy, 60 (53+)

V. QUALITY ASSURANCE/ IMPROVEMENT:

- A. ACCESS QA Manager will monitor compliance to this policy

VI. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS:

ACCESS, its affiliates, service providers, and other contracted and subcontracted employees are bound by all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules, regulations, all Federal waiver requirements, and state and county contractual requirements, policies and administrative directives in effect, or as amended.

VII. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES:

ACCESS policies

VIII. ATTACHMENTS

None