

WAC 246-341-0700 Behavioral health support services—Certification standards. (1) Agencies certified for behavioral health support provide services to promote socialization, recovery, self-advocacy, development of natural supports, and maintenance of community living skills for individuals with a behavioral health diagnosis. Behavioral health support services may be provided in community, outpatient, residential and inpatient settings. Behavioral health support services under this certification include services such as:

(a) Psychiatric medication monitoring in accordance with the service standards in WAC 246-341-0713;

(b) Crisis support in accordance with the service standards in WAC 246-341-0715;

(c) Peer support;

(d) Rehabilitative case management;

(e) Day support;

(f) Supported employment in accordance with the service standards in WAC 246-341-0720; and

(g) Supportive housing in accordance with the service standards in WAC 246-341-0722.

(2) An agency certified to provide behavioral health support services is not required to meet the requirements in WAC 246-341-0640, but must instead meet the requirements in subsection (3) of this section.

(3) An agency providing any behavioral health support service must:

(a) Conduct a needs assessment or screening process that determines the appropriateness of the support service(s) based on the individual's needs and goals;

(b) Develop a support plan that indicates the goal(s) the individual intends to achieve through receiving the support service(s) and the progress made toward the goal(s);

(c) Maintain an individual's individual service record that contains documentation of the following:

(i) The name of the agency or other sources through which the individual was referred, if applicable;

(ii) Determination of the appropriateness of the support service(s);

(iii) A copy of the support plan and progress toward meeting the individual's goal(s);

(iv) Any referral made to a more intensive level of care or emergency services when appropriate;

(v) Consent to include the individual's family members, significant others, and other relevant treatment providers as necessary to provide support to the individual;

(vi) A brief summary of each service encounter, including the date, time, and duration of the encounter;

(vii) Name(s) of participant(s), including the name of the individual who provided the service;

(viii) Any information or copies of documents shared by or with a behavioral health agency or credentialed behavioral health professional; and

(ix) A discharge or disposition statement if the individual left without notice, or discharge or disposition information for an individual who did not leave without notice, completed within seven working days of the individual's discharge or disposition, including the date of discharge and continuing care or follow-up plan.

(4) An agency may use a full assessment and individual service plan if it is certified for intervention, assessment and treatment services or has an agreement with a licensed behavioral health agency certified for intervention, assessment and treatment services in order to meet the requirements in subsection (3)(a) and (b) of this section. The agreement must specify the responsibility for initial assessments, the determination of appropriate services, individual service planning, and the documentation of these requirements.

(5) For the purposes of this section:

(a) Rehabilitative case management means mental health services that meet the ongoing assessment, facilitation, care coordination and advocacy for options and services to meet an individual's needs through communication and available resources, to promote quality and effective outcomes during and following a hospitalization. Services support individual employment, education, and participation in other daily activities appropriate to the individual's age, gender, and culture, and assist individuals in resolving crises in the least restrictive setting. Services include specific rehabilitative services provided to:

(i) Assist in an individual's discharge from an inpatient facility; and

(ii) Minimize the risk of readmission to an inpatient setting.

(b) Day support means an intensive rehabilitative program which provides a range of integrated and varied life skills training such as health, hygiene, nutritional issues, money management, maintaining living arrangement and symptom management to promote improved functioning or a restoration to a previous higher level of functioning. If counseling or therapy is provided, the agency must obtain a certification for outpatient intervention, assessment and treatment.

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