

Target Population

Welfare & Institutions Code 5600.3

Adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)

("Serious" = severe & persistent)

- ✓ Included diagnosis
- ✓ "Substantial" functional impairment or imminent risk of decompensation
- ✓ Disabled to the degree public assistance, services or entitlements would be required

Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED) Youth

- ✓ Included diagnosis
- ✓ "Substantial" functional impairment in two areas (self-care, school, family, community)
 - And
 - Risk of or removed from home
 - Or
 - Impairments x 6 months or 1 year w/o treatment
 - Or
 - Psychotic features, suicide risk, violence risk

Medical Necessity Criteria for Outpatient Specialty Mental Health Services
1. Must have an included mental health diagnosis
2. Impairment Criteria – Must have at least one of A, B, or C below <u>as a result</u> of the included diagnosis:
A. A <u>significant</u> impairment in an important area of life functioning.
B. A probability of <u>significant</u> deterioration in an important area of life functioning.
C. A reasonable probability that a child (under 21) will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate.
Note: Full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under 21 may qualify under EPSDT regulations if they have a condition as a result of a mental disorder that Specialty Mental Health Services can correct or ameliorate, even if impairment criteria are not met.
3. Intervention Criteria – A, B <u>and</u> C below must be true:
A. The focus of the proposed intervention is to address the included diagnosis or impairments.
B. The intervention will (<i>at least one of the following must be true</i>):
· Significantly diminish the impairment
· Prevent significant deterioration in functioning
· Allow the child to progress developmentally as appropriate
C. The condition would not be responsive to physical health care based treatment.

Diagnosis Criteria:

Included DSM-IV Diagnoses

- Pervasive Developmental Disorders, except Autistic Disorder, which is excluded
- Attention Deficit and Disruptive Behavior Disorders
- Feeding and Eating Disorders of Infancy or Early Childhood

- Elimination Disorders
- Other Disorders of Infancy, Childhood or Adolescence
- Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders
- Mood Disorders, except Substance Induced Mood Disorders, which are excluded
- Anxiety Disorders
- Somatoform Disorders
- Factitious Disorders
- Dissociative Disorders
- Paraphilias
- Gender Identity Disorders
- Eating Disorders
- Impulse Control Disorders Not Elsewhere Classified
- Adjustment Disorders
- Personality Disorders, except Antisocial Personality Disorder, which is excluded
- Medication-Induced Movement Disorders

Excluded Diagnoses

- Mental Retardation
- Learning Disorders
- Motor Skills Disorders
- Communication Disorders
- Autistic Disorder
- Tic Disorders
- Delirium, Dementia, Amnestic and Other Cognitive Disorders
- Mental Disorders Due to a General Medical Condition
- Substance-Related Disorders
- Sexual Dysfunctions
- Sleep Disorders
- Antisocial Personality Disorder
- Other Conditions that may be a Focus of Clinical Attention, except Medication-Induced Movement Disorders

Note: A beneficiary may receive services for an included diagnosis when an excluded diagnosis is also present.