

Adult Mental Health Service

Type of service: Adult Mental Health Service provides specialty mental health services to clients with serious and persistent mental illness who cannot be managed within the existing array of first line and intensive services.

Admission criteria: 16 years of age or older, medically stable with a primary diagnosis of severe mental illness as defined by DSM V Axis 1 such as Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Mood Disorders such as Bipolar I or II or a Major Depressive Disorder, that requires complex aftercare, relapse prevention and/or specialized treatment or diagnostic procedures.

Clients with a primary diagnosis of Developmental Delay, Substance Abuse, Personality Disorder, Psychosexual Disorder, Neurological Illness, Adjustment/Conduct Disorder, Eating Disorder or Brain Injury may be considered if there is strong suggestion of a comorbid Axis 1 diagnosis, but only for the purposes of assessment and stabilization. A letter that commits to accept the client back to the referring facility is a condition of acceptance of these individuals.

Outpatients serviced by Providence Care or other specialized community mental health services, whose treatment history is well-known to Providence Care who are relapsing, may be admitted directly with approval of the Adult Mental Health Service program.

Admission for social and/or financial reasons would not be considered appropriate.

Form: [400989-Hospital-Mental-Health-Inpatient-Referral-2017-03.pdf](#)