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Preamble – Magellan Care Guidelines for the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP)

Magellan Care Guidelines for the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP) supplement the most current version of the *Magellan Care Guidelines* for making medical necessity determinations for IBHP members. These guidelines have been approved by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) for use with IBHP members. The guidelines include: *Magellan Healthcare Guidelines for IBHP*, MCG *Behavioral Health Care Guidelines* developed by MCG Health® and *The ASAM Criteria.*® Other guidelines may be added as approved by the IDHW for the IBHP. *Magellan Care Guidelines* do not supersede state or federal law or regulations as may be applicable.

The member's specific eligibility and benefit plan coverage, as well as any federal or state regulatory requirements, must be identified before applying the guidelines. Certain services addressed individually in these care guidelines may be included in the delivery of other covered services. Duplication of such services is not permitted.

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Medical Necessity Definition: Idaho Behavioral Health Plan

Magellan reviews mental health and substance abuse service requests for IBHP members. A service is medically necessary if:

1. "It is reasonably calculated to prevent, diagnose, or treat conditions in the member that endanger life, cause pain, or cause functionally significant deformity or malfunction; and
2. There is no other equally effective course of treatment available or suitable for the member requesting the service that is more conservative or substantially less costly.
3. It meets any applicable Department criteria. Services that do not meet criteria require a prior authorization (PA);
4. Medical services must be of a quality that meets professionally recognized standards of health care, be substantiated by records including evidence of such medical necessity and quality and be made available to the IDHW upon request."

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Magellan Healthcare Guidelines for IBHP

Below is a list of Magellan Healthcare Guidelines for the IBHP. These guidelines can be found in this document.

Magellan Healthcare Guidelines for IBHP (2026-2027)
Adult Safe & Sober Housing, Enhanced, Housing Essentials (Administrative Guideline)
ESMI Idaho Star Program
Family Peer Support
Idaho Wraparound Intensive Services - IWInS
Homes for Adult Rehabilitation Treatment-HART
Homes for Adult Rehabilitation Treatment (HART)- Specialized One to One
Intensive Home and Community Based Services-IHCBS
Neuropsychological Testing
Parenting with Love and Limits-PLL
Psychological Testing
Short Term Respite Care (Administrative Guideline)
Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Recovery Services-Child Care (Administrative Guideline)

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MCG Behavioral Healthcare Guidelines

Below is a list of the MCG Behavioral Health Care Guidelines Magellan utilizes for the IBHP.

MCG Behavioral Health Care Guidelines® for Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (2026-2027)
Adult Peer Support, Peer Recovery Coaching, and Youth Peer Support Services *(Peer Support)**
Assertive Community Treatment*
Day Treatment Behavioral Health Level of Care
Eating Disorders, Inpatient Behavioral Health Level of Care, Adult
Eating Disorders, Inpatient Behavioral Health Level of Care, Child, or Adolescent
Eating Disorders, Residential Behavioral Health Level of Care, Adult
Eating Disorders, Residential Behavioral Health Level of Care, Child, or Adolescent
Eating Disorders, Partial Hospital Behavioral Health Level of Care, Adult
Eating Disorders, Partial Hospital Behavioral Health Level of Care, Child, or Adolescent
Eating Disorders, Intensive Outpatient Program Behavioral Health Level of Care, Adult
Eating Disorders, Intensive Outpatient Program Behavioral Health Level of Care, Child, or Adolescent
Electroconvulsive Therapy
Inpatient Behavioral Health Level of Care*
Intensive Outpatient Program Behavioral Health Level of Care, Adult
Intensive Outpatient Program Behavioral Health Level of Care, Child, or Adolescent
Outpatient Behavioral Health Level of Care, Adult*
Outpatient Behavioral Health Level of Care, Child, or Adolescent*
Partial Hospital Behavioral Health Level of Care, Adult
Partial Hospital Behavioral Health Level of Care, Child, or Adolescent
Skills-Building/Community-Based Rehabilitative Services*
Residential Behavioral Health Level of Care, Adult
Residential Behavioral Health Level of Care, Child, or Adolescent*
Targeted Case Management
Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

**modified for IBHP*

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The ASAM Criteria®

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria®: Treatment Criteria for Addictive, Substance-Related, and Co-occurring Conditions are used as guidelines for substance use disorders level of care for IBHP. *The ASAM Criteria®, 3rd Edition* criteria are used until *The ASAM Criteria®, 4th Edition* are implemented. Please refer to materials posted on the Magellan website, magellanofidaho.com.

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Guideline: Adult Safe & Sober Housing, Enhanced & Basic Housing Essentials

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Background

There are two types of safe and sober housing supported by Idaho Behavioral Health Authority: staffed safe and sober housing and enhanced staffed safe and sober housing. Both types of temporary housing programs encourage recovery from alcohol and other drug use by providing a peer-to-peer recovery support system with staff to assist with the transition back to the community and permanent residence.

Staffed safe and sober housing is a traditional type of short-term recovery residence that provides a safe, clean, and sober environment for adults with substance use disorders who are transitioning back into the community.

Enhanced staffed safe and sober housing is focused on serving those individuals with a co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder who are transitioning out of one of the state psychiatric hospitals or a community hospital. This type of housing provides additional care to individuals needing a greater level of support than what is offered in traditional safe and sober housing.

Both types of housing programs encourage recovery from alcohol and other drugs by providing a peer- to-peer recovery support system with staff to oversee the facilities and encourage the recovery process. Length of stay will vary depending on the participants, needs, and progress however there is a limit of 180 days per eligibility year.

Basic Housing Essentials is a SUD block grant funded benefit intended to assist members who are entering Enhanced Safe and Sober Housing from a state hospital. This benefit can assist with basic housing essentials the member may need to live in a more independent environment. This benefit is intended to be offered once in a lifetime to assist with the purchase of household supplies such as cooking utensils, bedding, towels etc.

Adult Safe and Sober Housing

To be eligible for Adult Safe and Sober Housing an individual must meet ALL of the following, A and B.

A. Individual must be engaged in an ASAM Level SUD treatment or have successfully completed treatment in the last 6 months.

B. SUD Block Grant Care Manager has approved the admission.

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Enhanced Safe and Sober Housing
To be eligible for Enhance Safe and Sober Housing an individual must meet ALL of the following A, B, C, D, and E.

A. Individual must be engaged in SUD treatment or has successfully completed treatment in the last 6 months.
B. Individual is experiencing or are at risk for homelessness or has a co-occurring diagnosis of substance use and Serious Mental Illness (SMI) diagnosis.
C. Individual is part of one of these priority populations:
    1. State hospital discharges;
    2. Community hospital discharges;
    3. Mental health court participants.
D. SUD Block Grant Care Manager has verified priority and approved the admission.
E. Initial authorization can be completed for up to six (6) months.

Basic Housing Essentials Benefit
To be eligible for Basic Housing Essentials an individual must meet ALL of the following: A, B, C, D:

A. Member has been approved for Enhanced Safe and Sober Housing.
B. Benefit will be used for housing essentials i.e., bedding supplies.
C. Member has not received this benefit in the last year.
D. SUD Block Grant Care Manager has approved the authorization of the benefit.

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Guideline: ESMI Idaho Star Program
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Background
SAMHSA defines Early Serious Mental Illness (ESMI) as a condition that affects an individual, regardless of their age, and that is a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified within the Diagnostic Statistical Manual (DSM). The Idaho Star Program uses the Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) model to provide early intervention services for youth and young adults who have recently started experiencing first episode psychosis (FEP). CSC is an evidence-based model aimed at providing treatment and recovery support, empowering individuals to lead fulfilling lives without being hindered by mental illness as they transition into adult roles.

The Idaho Star Program encompasses a range of services including: assessment services, treatment plans, family psychoeducation, community-based rehabilitation services, peer support services, case coordination, crisis intervention, individual therapy, group therapy, medication management services, supported education and employment services and discharge planning. The program aims to assists youth and young adults who are experiencing psychosis and other symptoms to avoid a higher level of care such as partial hospitalization, residential care, or hospitalization. Outreach and Recruitment is a major component of the program to ensure promotion of the program to the community, providers, members, and their families. Promotional materials such as brochures, postcards, flyers, and website materials should be written to promote recovery values and avoid stigma. Outreach activities need to be tracked, including who was outreached, when and the type of outreach completed.

Eligibility Criteria
Idaho Star Program services are necessary as indicated by ALL of the following:
A. Member is between ages of fifteen (15) and thirty (30);
B. Be within the first two (2) years of experiencing psychosis for the first time;
C. Must have one of the following: Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorder, Schizoaffective Disorder, Schizophreniform Disorder, Delusional Disorder, Bipolar I Disorder, or Unspecified Psychotic Disorder;
D. Psychosis is not due to a medical condition, substance abuse and is not a feature of a diagnosis not listed above;
E. Is able to fully participate and benefit from services (no medical or physical conditions that would prevent participation, no severe cognitive delays, not incarcerated or anticipated incarceration).

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Guideline: Family Peer Support

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Indications for Family Peer Support Services

Family peer support services are provided by a Certified Family Support Partner. Services support the parent/caregiver who is caring for a youth/young adult member who has mental health or co-occurring conditions. Family peer support services assist the parent/caregiver in identifying their strengths, participating in decisions related to their youth/young adult member's care, advocating for their needs, developing a support system, and building hope, empowerment, and resilience. Services are necessary as indicated by ALL of the following:

A. Youth/young adult member has a mental health or co-occurring condition and experiences challenges in daily living.
B. The family's situation is appropriate for family peer support services, as indicated by ALL of the following:
    1. Current services and resources have been insufficient to meet the youth/young adults and parent/caregiver's needs, if applicable.
    2. Parent/caregiver would be negatively impacted in the absence of continued family peer support services. Rationale and evidence for this negative impact is documented.
    3. Parent/caregiver's individualized family support goals have not been met and more time is needed to address or modify the goals based on the current challenges the family is experiencing. A review of the challenges/barriers to progress has been documented and updates or changes to the goals or support approach have been documented.
    4. Parent/caregiver's individualized family support goals are chosen by the parent/ caregiver and care is coordinated with other providers and community-based resources, as appropriate.
    5. Parent/caregiver's individualized family support goals engage other family members and people who can support the parent/caregiver's goals, as appropriate.
    6. Frequency and duration of family peer support services is individualized and designed to meet the needs of the parent/caregiver and will be adjusted according to the parent/caregiver's needs for support as well as the review of barriers to progress.
    7. Parent/caregiver chooses to actively participate in and benefits from family peer support services.

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Guideline: Idaho Wraparound Intensive Services (IWInS)

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Background

IWInS is a collaborative, team based, principle driven, planning process. Through the wraparound process, teams create one individualized plan of care to meet the needs and improve the lives of multi- system involved youth and their families.

IWInS is a structured fidelity-based care coordination planning process which is an evidence-based modality of Intensive Care Coordination (ICC). Wraparound planning involves multiple systems and is intended to assist youth and families who may be experiencing high levels of need or are at risk of requiring more intensive services, including out-of-home placement. IWInS is strengths-based, family-driven, youth-guided, has a structured framework, and is implemented through a Child and Family Team (CFT) which is facilitated by a trained Wraparound Coordinator. While building relationships of trust and understanding, the team will work together to create a system of supports that helps the child and family move forward with confidence. Participants of the CFT include the youth, the family, guardians, providers, and both formal and informal members of the youth's community. The CFT assesses for needs and strengths with the CANS, completes a Wraparound Plan of Care based on assessed needs and strengths, monitors the plan and outcomes, creates and implements a crisis and safety plan and plans for services needed upon discharge. Typically, IWInS is a 12-14 month process and includes the following four phases: Phase 1-Engagement, Phase 2- Initial plan development, Phase 3- Plan Implementation, Phase 4- Transition. While engaged in IWInS, the child and their family shall not receive duplicative services, such as Intensive Care Coordination.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for IWInS, ALL of the following must be met:

A. Member is under age eighteen (18) years or up to age twenty-one (21) if EPSDT;

B. Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment completed within the last ninety (90) days;

C. According to the decision support tool, the CANS assessment indicates the youth has a qualifying score for IWInS;

D. Youth is at risk for higher level of care or currently in an out-of-home placement with a plan to discharge to their home or community within next ninety (90) days, with appropriate services and supports in place;

E. Youth is involved in two or more systems (i.e. educational, juvenile justice, Child Protective Services, medical, etc.);

F. A desire, along with their family, to participate in the voluntary Wraparound care planning process.

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Guideline: Homes for Adult Rehabilitation Treatment (HART)
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Background
The Homes for Adult Rehabilitation Treatment (HART) Model is designed to provide support for activities of daily living integrated with behavioral health services for individuals with a Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) who require additional assistance to remain independent in the community. To be considered as having an SPMI, a member must: meet the criteria for Serious Mental Illness (SMI)SMI; have at least one (1) additional functional impairment; and have a diagnosis under DSM-5 with one (1) of the following: Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar I Disorder, Bipolar II Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder Recurrent Severe, Delusional Disorder, or Borderline Personality Disorder. The only Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) diagnosis included is Psychotic Disorder NOS for a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days without a conclusive diagnosis(2).

HARTs serve individuals transitioning from the state hospital or other psychiatric inpatient settings who are functionally and financially eligible for home and community-based services, who are no longer in need of inpatient psychiatric care, and who have a higher level of complexity than individuals served in the existing array of community settings.

HARTs are licensed as Residential and Assisted Living Facilitates (RALFs) in accordance with Idaho Licensing and Certification rules and offer an enhanced combination of behavioral health services, personal care services and nursing services which are not generally provided in other licensed residential care settings. Homes that are approved as HART providers are only for participants that are eligible for HART services. HARTs provide a homelike setting that promotes choice and stability, with access to and encouraged involvement in the community.

Admission Criteria
To be eligible for HART an individual must meet ALL of the following: A, B, C, D, E, F and G:

A. Be an adult eighteen (18) and older; additionally, individuals through the month of their twenty- first (21st) birthday, pursuant to EPSDT, may receive services if determined to be medically necessary.

B. Have a primary diagnosis included in the definition of a Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) (2);

C. Be unable to maintain independent living or other community supports and services due to the acuity and/or complexity of their behavioral health needs;

D. Be transitioning into the community after step-down from a psychiatric hospitalization,

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have a higher level of complexity than individuals served in a community setting and would otherwise be unable to maintain a community placement.

E. Individuals who access this level of care should have symptoms and/or functional impairments that given additional time or treatment would be expected to improve to allow them to be eligible for more permanent living and treatment in a community-based service.

F. Be willing to reside in the HART and participate in the integrated treatment services.

G. Admission has been verified by the IDHW Bureau of Long-Term Care (BLTC).

H. Must meet one (1) of the following:

   1. Confirmation that the individual needs assistance with self-maintenance, occupational, or social functioning, or,

   2. Verification requires medical assistance not generally provided in other licensed residential care settings (such as personal care and nursing services) or,

   3. Verification that there is an increase in the severity of symptoms such that continuation at a less intense level of care cannot offer an expectation of improvement or the prevention of deterioration, resulting in danger to himself or herself, others, or property.

Continued Service Criteria

Meets ALL of the following: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H.

A. The individual continues to meet the admission criteria and services provided at this level are the least restrictive level of care available to safely treat the individual.

B. There is an individualized plan of treatment, developed with the individual as a part of the treatment team, that specifies the goals, interventions, time frames, and anticipated outcomes appropriate to:

   1. Improve or prevent deterioration of the symptoms of, or impairment in functioning resulting from, the mental disorder or condition that necessitated initiation of treatment. AND

   2. Address a co-morbid substance use disorder or condition if one exists.

C. As appropriate, there is involvement of the individual's social support systems, including family and educational systems when indicated, in the individual's treatment and discharge planning.

D. Provider has completed the required comprehensive assessments such as the Adult Needs and Strengths Assessment (ANSA), Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment and other required assessments as determined by Idaho

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Administrative Procedures Act (IDAPA) 16.03.10.302 and 16.03.10.323.

E. The individual shows evidence of clinical and/or functional improvement. The treatment plan has been modified to address any lack of improvement in treatment goals.

F. The treatment goals, interventions, time frames, anticipated outcomes, discharge plan, and criteria for discharge are clinically efficient and reasonable and are expected to lead to improvement to meet discharge goals.

G. Member is accessing and attending services as identified on negotiated service agreement and treatment plan such as assessment, counseling/therapy, medication management.

H. Member is receiving nursing care and assistance with medication management by HART provider.

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Guideline: Home for Adult Rehabilitation Treatment (HART) Specialized 1:1

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Background

The Homes for Adult Rehabilitation Treatment (HART) Model is designed to provide support for activities of daily living integrated with behavioral health services for individuals with a Serious and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) who require additional assistance to remain independent in the community. To be considered as having an SPMI, a member must: meet the criteria for SMI; have at least one (1) additional functional impairment; and have a diagnosis under DSM-5 with one (1) of the following: Schizophrenia, Schizoaffective Disorder, Bipolar I Disorder, Bipolar II Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder Recurrent Severe, Delusional Disorder, or Borderline Personality Disorder. The only Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) diagnosis included is Psychotic Disorder NOS for a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days without a conclusive diagnosis. (2)

HARTs serve individuals transitioning from the state hospital or other psychiatric inpatient settings who are functionally and financially eligible for home and community-based services, who are no longer in need of inpatient psychiatric care, and who have a higher level of complexity than individuals served in the existing array of community settings.

HARTs are licensed as Residential and Assisted Living Facilitates (RALFs) in accordance with Idaho Licensing and Certification rules and offer an enhanced combination of behavioral health services, personal care services and nursing services which are not generally provided in other licensed residential care settings. Homes that are approved as HART providers are only for participants that are eligible for HART services. HARTs provide a homelike setting that promotes choice and stability, with access to and encouraged involvement in the community.

Specialized 1:1 may be authorized for an individual with a higher acuity of need requiring more intensive monitoring within the HART Model. The additional support exceeds normal staffing requirements with the goal of ensuring safety of the individual and others living at the facility. The HART team should identify any antecedents to the recent change in behavior and develop interventions action steps to alleviate the stressors causing the need for additional staffing. Including changes in medication regime as needed. Specialized 1:1 support is intended to be a short-term intervention with the goal of helping the individual remain in their current living situation and avoid more restrictive levels of care.

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Admission Criteria

To be eligible for Specialized One-to One Services in a HART an individual must meet all of the following: A, B, C, and D.

A. HART has designated staff available to provide twenty-four (24) hour supervision to ensure the safety and well-being of the participant. Designated staff are trained and understand the residents' behavioral health symptoms, needs, and potential risks.

B. Member is a potential risk to self or others; the individual requires an individual plan of extended observation.

C. Although there is evidence of a potential or current mental health or substance abuse emergency based on history or initial clinical presentation, the need for ongoing confinement with intensive medical and therapeutic intervention is not clearly indicated.

D. The individual must be medically stable, or there must be appropriate medical services to monitor and treat any active medical conditions.

Continued Service Criteria

Meets ALL of the following:

A. The individual continues to meet the admission criteria and the services provided at this level are the least restrictive level of care available to safely treat the individual.

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Guideline: Intensive Home and Community Based Services (IHCBS)
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Background

Intensive Home and Community Based Services (IHCBS) support children, youth, and their families with mental, emotional, and behavioral needs. IHCBS offers a wide array of services that meet the needs of these individuals in their homes, schools, and communities. IHCBS consists of Evidence-based treatment (EBT) such as Multisystemic Therapy (MST), Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Therapeutic Behavior Services (TBS), Family Program, Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI), and other modalities. IHCBS services are targeted to youth at risk of out of home placement due to externalizing behaviors impacting home, school, and community.

Each EBT modality has different targeted population and expectations of delivery. Generally, average length of stay is 3-5 months. The IHCBS should not be provided in conjunction with other outpatient services such as Intensive Outpatient (IOP), Partial Hospitalization (PHP), or Day treatment.

For more information on the EBTs:

A. Multisystemic Therapy (MST): www.mstservices.com/
B. Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT): www.mdft.org/
C. Functional Family Therapy (FFT): FFT | Evidence-Based Interventions and Family Counseling (fftllc.com)
D. Family Program: www.healthyfoundations.co/in-home-program.html
E. Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI): Karyn Purvis Institute of Child Development (tcu.edu)

Admission Criteria

To be eligible for IHCBS an individual must meet ALL of the following: A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H:

A. The Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) screening has been completed within the last 90 calendar days. Needs indicate an overall score of '3' or if overall score is '2', youth has at least one score of '3' in three domains.
B. Externalizing behaviors symptomatology which adversely affects family functioning or functioning in other systems, resulting in a DSM diagnosis of disruptive behavior disorder (ADHD, oppositional defiant disorder, and/or conduct disorder). Other diagnoses may be accepted as long as the existing mental health and behavioral health issues manifest in outward behaviors that impact the family and multiple systems. Severity of symptoms do

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not indicate a higher level of care is needed.

C. At least one adult caregiver is available to provide support and is willing to be involved in treatment.
D. Age of the youth must be within the fidelity of the program being utilized. If request for this service is under EPSDT benefits, the child must be under age twenty-one (21) at the time of the request.
E. The initial comprehensive assessment provides evidence of symptoms and functional impairments that meet criteria of a primary Diagnostic and Statistical Manual (DSM-5) diagnosis that falls within the categories of disruptive behavior, mood, substance use or trauma and stressor-related disorders.
F. Within the last 30 calendar days, the youth has demonstrated **at least one** of the following that puts the youth at risk of out-of-home placement:
    1. Increasing and persistent symptoms of emotional distress, putting the youth at risk for a higher level of care. Symptoms may include irritability, severe change in sleep and/or eating patterns, panic attacks, hypervigilance, dissociation, and self-harm.
    2. Repeated attempts to harm others, such as aggressive behaviors toward family, school personnel or others that could or has led to legal charges.
    3. Substance use that is interfering in daily functioning and relationships.
    4. Youth is returning from out of home placement and IHCBS services is needed for successful integration back to community.
G. The youth, family member, or other committed caregiver is able to fully participate in the IHCBS and will not be limited by a developmental disability.
H. Youth's presenting problem is not limited to sexually harmful or dangerous behavior in absence of other externalizing behaviors.

Continued Stay Review Criteria

Individual must meet ALL of the following: A, B, C, and D.

A. The youth's symptoms/behavior and functional impairment continue to meet admission criteria.
B. Progress toward treatment goals is evident and documented, however not all treatment goals have been met.
C. There is substantial evidence that continued treatment will improve current symptoms/behavior and functional impairment. If the length of treatment exceeds model fidelity, there is clear documentation of measurable, specific, and attainable goals in the care plan. Youth and caregiver continue consistent involvement in the IHCBS.
D. Provider has a discharge plan for a lower level of care once treatment goals are met.

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Guideline: Neuropsychological Testing

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Criteria for Authorization

Neuropsychological tests are evaluations designed to determine the functional consequences of known or suspected brain dysfunction through testing of the neuro-cognitive domains responsible for language, perception, memory, learning, problem solving, adaptation, and constructional praxis.

These evaluations are requested for patients with a history of psychological, neurologic, or medical disorders known to impact cognitive or neurobehavioral functioning. The evaluations include a history of medical or neurological disorders compromising cognitive or behavioral functioning; congenital, genetic, or metabolic disorders known to be associated with impairments in cognitive or brain development; reported impairments in cognitive functioning; and evaluations of cognitive function as a part of the standard of care for treatment selection and treatment outcome evaluations.

In addition, the evaluation includes a formal interview, a review of medical, educational, and vocational records, interviews with significant others, and a battery of standardized neuropsychological assessments. The testing quantifies a patient's higher cortical functioning and may include various aspects of attention, memory, speed of information processing, language, visual-spatial ability, sensory processing, motor ability, higher-order executive functioning, and intelligence. The goal of neuropsychological testing may be clarification of diagnosis, determination of the clinical and functional significance of a brain abnormality, or development of recommendations regarding neurological rehabilitation planning, but is always for the purpose of shaping treatment.

Neuropsychological testing should be considered for coverage through the patient's **mental health** benefit when:

A. The referring practitioner is a psychiatrist, neuropsychologist, psychologist, or other behavioral health clinician.

B. The primary diagnosis is psychiatric, even though medical problems are involved; the purpose of testing is to clarify whether it is a psychiatric diagnosis (e.g., dementia versus pseudo-dementia; head injury versus anxiety/depression; organic mood versus mood disorder not otherwise specified; or organic delusion versus schizophrenia).

Neuropsychological testing should be considered for coverage through the patient's **medical benefit** when:

A. The referring practitioner is a neurologist, primary care physician, surgeon, or pain specialist.

B. The primary diagnosis is medical (e.g., multiple sclerosis, head injury, tumors,

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Alzheimer's disease, or stroke).

Severity of Need

Criteria A *and* B, **and** *one* of C-O must be met:

A. The reason for testing must be based on a specific referral question and this specific referral question(s) cannot be answered adequately by means of clinical interview and/or behavioral observations.

B. The testing results based on the referral question(s) are reasonably expected to provide information that will effectively guide the course of treatment.

C. When there are mild or questionable deficits on standard mental status testing or clinical interview, and a neuropsychological assessment is needed to establish the presence of abnormalities or distinguish them from changes that may occur with normal aging, or the expected progression of other disease processes; or

D. When neuropsychological data can be combined with clinical, laboratory, and neuroimaging data to assist in establishing a clinical diagnosis in neurological or systemic conditions known to affect CNS functioning; or

E. When there is a need to quantify cognitive or behavioral deficits related to CNS impairment, especially when the information will be useful in determining a prognosis or informing treatment planning by determining the rate of disease progression; or

F. When there is a need for a pre-surgical or treatment-related cognitive evaluation to determine whether one might safely proceed with a medical or surgical procedure that may affect brain function (e.g., deep brain stimulation, resection of brain tumors or arteriovenous malformations, epilepsy surgery, or stem cell transplant) or significantly alter a patient's functional status; or

G. When there is a need to assess the potential impact of adverse effects of therapeutic substances that may cause cognitive impairment (e.g., radiation, chemotherapy, antiepileptic medications), especially when this information is utilized to determine treatment planning; or

H. When there is a need to monitor progression, recovery, and response to changing treatments, in patients with CNS disorders, in order to establish the most effective plan of care; or

I. When there is a need for objective measurement of the patient's subjective complaints about memory, attention, or other cognitive dysfunction, which serves to determine treatment by differentiating psychogenic from neurogenic syndromes (e.g., dementia vs. depression); or

J. When there is a need to establish a treatment plan by determining functional abilities/impairments in individuals with known or suspected CNS disorders; or

K. When there is a need to determine whether a patient can comprehend and participate effectively in complex treatment regimens (e.g., surgeries to modify facial appearance,

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hearing, or tongue debulking in craniofacial or Down syndrome patients; transplant or bariatric surgeries in patients with diminished capacity), and to determine functional capacity for healthcare decision-making, work, independent living, managing financial affairs, etc.; or

L. When there is a need to design, administer, and/or monitor outcomes of cognitive rehabilitation procedures, such as compensatory memory training for brain-injured patients; or

M. When there is a need to establish treatment planning through identification and assessment of the neurocognitive sequelae of systemic disease (e.g., hepatic encephalopathy or anoxic/hypoxic injury associated with cardiac procedures); or

N. When there is a need for assessment of neurocognitive functions for the formulation of rehabilitation and/or management strategies among individuals with neuropsychiatric disorders; or

O. When there is a need to diagnose cognitive or functional deficits in children and adolescents based on an inability to develop expected knowledge, skills or abilities as required to adapt to new or changing cognitive, social, emotional, or physical demands.

Intensity and Quality of Care

Criteria A and B must be met:

A. A licensed doctoral-level psychologist (Ph.D., Psy.D. or Ed.D.), medical psychologist (M.P.) or other qualified provider as permitted by applicable state and/or federal law, who is credentialed by and contracted with Magellan, administers the tests. A trained technician who is directly supervised by the provider may also be used to administer, but not interprets, the tests.

B. Requested tests must be standardized, valid and reliable in order to answer the specific clinical question for the specific population under consideration. The most recent version of the test must be used.

C. Neuropsychological tests include direct question-and-answer; object manipulation; inspection and responses to pictures or patterns; or paper-and-pencil written or multiple-choice tests that measure functional impairment and abilities in:

1. General intellect
2. Reasoning, sequencing, problem-solving, and executive function
3. Attention and concentration
4. Learning and memory
5. Language and communication
6. Visual-spatial cognition and visual-motor praxis
7. Motor and sensory function
8. Mood, conduct, personality, quality of life

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9. Adaptive behavior (activities of daily living)
10. Social-emotional awareness and responsivity
11. Psychopathology (e.g., psychotic thinking or somatization)
12. Motivation and effort (e.g., symptom validity testing).

Exclusion Criteria

Neuropsychological testing will not be authorized under the following conditions:

A. The patient is not neurologically and cognitively able to participate in a meaningful way in the testing process.

B. The test is used solely as a routine screening tool given to the individual or to general populations.

C. Administered for educational, vocational, or non-clinical purposes that do not benefit medical management.

D. Comprised of only self-administered or self-scored inventories, or screening tests of cognitive function (whether paper-and-pencil or computerized), e.g., AIMS, Folstein Mini-Mental Status Examination, PHQ-9, or GAD-7.

E. Repeated when not required for medical decision-making (i.e., making a diagnosis or deciding whether to start or continue a particular rehabilitative or pharmacologic therapy).

F. Administered when the patient has a substance abuse background and any of the following apply:

   1. The patient has ongoing substance abuse such that test results would be inaccurate, or
   2. The patient is currently intoxicated.

G. The patient has been diagnosed previously with brain dysfunction such as Alzheimer's disease, and there is no expectation that the testing would impact the patient's medical management.

H. The testing is primarily for the purpose of determining if an individual is a candidate for a medical or surgical procedure and testing does not inform the treatment and care of behavioral health issues.

I. The testing is primarily for legal purposes, including custody evaluations, parenting assessments, or other court or government ordered or requested testing.

J. The requested tests are experimental, antiquated, or not validated.

K. The testing request is made prior to the completion of a diagnostic interview by a behavioral health provider, unless pre-approved by Magellan.

L. More than eight hours per patient per evaluation is considered excessive and supporting documentation in the medical record must be present to justify greater than eight hours per patient per evaluation.

M. Three or more tests are requested that measure the same functional domain.

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N. The number of hours requested for the administration, scoring, interpretation, and reporting exceeds the generally accepted standard for the specific testing instrument(s), unless justified by particular testing circumstances.

O. Testing to determine if an individual is a candidate for a specific medication or dosage is an excluded benefit.

Standardized Cognitive Testing

A. Cognitive testing is considered a type of neuropsychological testing.

B. Cognitive testing is authorized in compliance with CMS coding rules:

1. Billing is limited to two hours on the same date of service.

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Guideline: Parenting with Love and Limits (PLL)

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Background

Parenting with Love and Limits® (PLL) is an evidence-based practice that integrates group and family therapy into one system of care. The PLL program is curriculum-based and allows members to meet with other families with similar issues. Parent and teens learn specific skills in group therapy and then meet in individual family therapy to role-play and practice new skills. The goal of the Parenting with Love and Limits® program is to improve behavioral problems in children by providing therapy and training to parents to restore a level of competent, effective parenting and create greater family connectedness.

The program targets specific risk and protective factors related to delinquency and other emotional behavioral problems. PLL is currently recognized as a model program by The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and included in the California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare (CEBC) as an evidence-based program.

Admission Criteria

To be eligible for PLL an individual must meet ALL of the following: A, B, C, D and E:

A. Children with a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) or Substance Use Disorder (SUD) diagnosis; and
B. Must meet ONE of the following:
    1. Be a child between the ten (≥10) and eighteen (≤18) years of age at the time of the request; or
    2. If request is under EPSDT benefits, the individual must be under age twenty- one (21) at the time of the request.
C. Have a caregiver or parent available and present with an Intelligence Quotient (IQ) of greater than 50; and
D. Individual does not have any of the following symptoms:
    1. Actively psychotic symptoms
    2. Actively homicidal symptoms
    3. Actively suicidal ideation.
E. In addition, the individual must meet or be at risk for ONE of following:
    1. Be an adjudicated youth who is on probation; or
    2. Be a juvenile on Conditional Release (i.e., released from residential treatment and transitioning back to the community), or
    3. Be a youth who has committed primarily non-status offenses, such as felonies, running away.

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Continued Service Criteria Meets ALL of the following:

A. Continues to meet eligibility and admission criteria; and

B. There is a reasonable expectation that the individual/family will benefit from the continued involvement of PLL as demonstrated by an observable positive response in ALL of the following areas:

   1. Individual/Family is participating and attempting to apply interventions from group and individual therapy sessions; and

   2. Reduction in the behaviors that led to initial referral to PLL.

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Guideline: Psychological Testing

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Criteria for Authorization

The purpose of psychological testing includes, but is not limited to: assisting with diagnosis and management following clinical evaluation when a mental illness or psychological abnormality is suspected; providing a differential diagnosis from a range of neurological/ psychological disorders that present with similar constellations of symptoms, e.g., differentiation between pseudodementia and depression; determining the clinical and functional significance of a brain abnormality; or delineating the specific cognitive basis of functional complaints.

Prior to psychological testing, the individual must be assessed by a qualified behavioral healthcare provider. The diagnostic interview determines the need for and extent of the psychological testing. Testing may be completed at the onset of treatment to assist with necessary differential diagnosis issues and/or to help resolve specific treatment planning questions. It also may occur later in treatment if the individual's condition has not progressed since the institution of the initial treatment plan and there is no clear explanation for the lack of improvement.

Severity of Need

Criteria A, B, and C must be met:

A. The reason for testing must be based on a specific referral question or questions from the treating provider and related directly to the psychiatric or psychological treatment of the individual.

B. The specific referral question(s) cannot be answered adequately by means of clinical interview and/or behavioral observations.

C. The testing results based on the referral question(s) must be reasonably anticipated to provide information that will effectively guide the course of appropriate treatment.

Intensity and Quality of Care

Criteria A and B must be met:

A. A licensed doctoral-level psychologist (Ph.D., Psy.D. or Ed.D.), medical psychologist (M.P.), or other qualified provider as permitted by applicable state and/or federal law, who is credentialed by and contracted with Magellan, administers the tests. A trained technician who is directly supervised by the provider may also be used to administer, but not interpret, the tests.

B. The requested tests must be standardized, valid and reliable in order to answer the specific clinical question for the specific population under consideration. The most recent version of the test must be used, except as outlined in *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing*

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Exclusion Criteria

Psychological testing will not be authorized under any of the following conditions:

A. The patient is not neurologically and cognitively able to participate in a meaningful way in the testing process.

B. The test is used solely as a routine screening tool given to the individual or to general populations.

C. Administered for educational, vocational, or non-clinical purposes that do not benefit medical management.

D. Comprised of only self-administered or self-scored inventories, or screening tests of cognitive function (whether paper-and-pencil or computerized), e.g., AIMS, Folstein Mini-Mental Status Examination, PHQ-9, or GAD-7.

E. Repeated when not required for medical decision-making (i.e., making a diagnosis or deciding whether to start or continue a particular rehabilitative or pharmacologic therapy).

F. Administered when the patient has a substance abuse background and any of the following apply:

    1. The patient has ongoing substance abuse and/or is going through withdrawal such that test results would be inaccurate, or

    2. The patient is currently intoxicated.

G. The patient has been diagnosed previously with brain dysfunction such as Alzheimer's disease, and there is no expectation that the testing would impact the patient's medical management.

H. The testing is primarily for the purpose of determining if an individual is a candidate for a medical or surgical procedure and testing does not inform the treatment and care of behavioral health issues.

I. The testing is primarily for legal purposes, including custody evaluations, parenting assessments, or other court or government ordered or requested testing.

J. The requested tests are experimental, antiquated, or not validated.

K. The testing request is made prior to the completion of a diagnostic interview by a behavioral health provider, unless pre-approved by Magellan.

L. More than eight hours per patient per evaluation is considered excessive and supporting documentation in the medical record must be present to justify greater than eight hours per patient per evaluation.

M. Three or more tests are requested that measure the same functional domain.

N. The number of hours requested for the administration, scoring, interpretation, and reporting exceeds the generally accepted standard for the specific testing instrument(s),

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unless justified by particular testing circumstances.

O. Testing to determine if an individual is a candidate for a specific medication or dosage is an excluded benefit.

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Guideline: Short Term Respite Care

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Admission - Severity of Illness

Criteria A, B, C, D, E, and F must be met.

A. Must be under the age of (18)

B. Must qualify for the Youth Empowerment Services (YES) membership and access respite through the 1915(i) State Plan

C. Child and Adolescent Needs Assessment (CANS) indicates the Member's family or caregiver would benefit respite such as 1 or more needs in the Caregiver Domain.

D. Respite service must be included on the person-centered plan

E. Member must be actively engaged in outpatient treatment and/or community-based services

F. Respite providers must be contracted with Magellan Health:

   1. Individual Respite is provided by a credentialed agency in the member's home, another family's home, foster family home, a community-based setting and/or at the agency facility. Individual respite in a member's home cannot exceed 72 hours. Respite in an agency or community setting cannot exceed 10 hours.

   2. Group Respite may only be provided at the credentialed agency facility, a community-based setting, or in the home for families with multiple children who have a diagnosis of SED.

Admission – Exclusion Criteria

A. Short-Term Respite shall not be provided simultaneously with crisis stabilization.

Criteria for Continued Stay

Criteria A & B must be met.

A. Continues to meet functional assessment criteria indicating an ongoing need for respite care.

B. Service continues to be recommended on Plan of Care.

C. Member has not used over 300 hours per calendar year.

References

1. *Idaho Behavioral Health Plan Contract CPO20231744: Appendix C*

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Guideline: Substance Use Recovery Services: Child Care

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Background

Individuals attending substance abuse treatment or other recovery related activity may request assistance with child care for the time they are engaged in the recovery activity. Assistance for child care can be covered for the time the individual is engaged in the activity plus the travel time to/from. Child care can be provided onsite or offsite, but the child care provider must be enrolled in the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP). The individual provider must request the benefit and verify the time needed for child care services.

Admission Criteria

To be eligible for the child care benefit an individual must meet ALL of the following: A, B, and C.

A. Childcare hours being approved cover the time the individual is engaged or traveling to/from recovery-related activities (e.g.: intensive outpatient, 12 Step meetings, volunteering at recovery center, etc.).

B. Childcare must be provided onsite or to a provider enrolled in the Idaho Child Care Program (ICCP). https://idahostars.org/Families/Financial-Assistance-ICCP

C. SUD Block Grant Care Manager has approved the benefit.

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