



Monterey County Behavioral Health Policy and Procedure

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Policy

Behavioral Health Adult Services will be the Behavioral Health Director's designee to authorize state hospital admissions for all adults, LPS consumers. The designee for authorization of children and adolescents will be provided by the Salinas Outpatient Services. In their absence, all admissions will be reviewed for authorization by the Behavioral Health Director.

Procedure

1. The inpatient psychiatric Behavioral Health Service Manager will request authorization from the Behavioral Health Director for a consumer's need for state hospital care. Consumers will be considered for admission to the state hospital who meets one or more of the following criteria:
 - a. Too violent to be treated in a less structured facility;
 - b. Requires a specialized treatment program available only through the state hospital.
2. If the request is authorized, the inpatient psychiatric social worker will advise the Adult Services State Hospital and IMD liaison and conservator. Both liaison and conservator immediately conduct a clinical and administrative review of the proposed treatment plan with the inpatient psychiatric team. Results of the review will be documented by the liaison staff on Form MH-1570, Admission Authorization Short-Doyle Program.
3. The Behavioral Health inpatient unit staff will be responsible to coordinate the admission, fax chart material and prepare the consumer for transfer to Napa State Hospital.