



Regulations Implementation Project Subcommittee

Access and Linkage Requirements & Duration of Untreated Mental Illness

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Overview

- Goal: shared understanding

- Specific Requirements
 - Access and Linkage
 - Duration of Untreated Mental Illness

- Q & A



Access & Linkage

The Big Picture

- W&I §5840(b)(2)
- At least one “program”
 - Regs §3726
 - Regs §3701(b) defines “program”
 - ◆ “stand-alone organized planned work”
- “Strategy” within every PEI program
 - Regs §3735(a)(1)
 - Regs §3701(c) defines “strategy”
 - ◆ “method to achieve defined goal”



Access & Linkage Program & Strategy

- Activities to connect children, adults & seniors with severe mental illness (SMI), as early in onset as possible, to medically necessary treatment and care.
- Examples of “programs”: programs with primary focus on screening, assessment, referral, mobile response, etc.
- Strategy: embed in each PEI program a way to help connect individuals with SMI to medically necessary treatment and care.



Access & Linkage Terms

- “SMI” same as WIC §5600.3
- “Medically necessary care and treatment”
 - Not defined in regulations
- Note: referrals, services and data reporting only apply to SMI, not other/additional mild/moderate mental illness



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Data Reporting Requirement

- Must be reported for A&L strategy embedded in each program
- FY 2016-17 first year data is required
 - FY 2017-18 Counties with population under 100,000
- Number of individuals with SMI referred to treatment, and the kind of treatment
- Number of individuals who followed through on referral and participated at least once
- Average duration of untreated mental illness
 - Only for individuals with previously untreated SMI
- Average interval between the referral and participation in treatment at least once
- Random sampling permitted



Duration of Untreated Mental Illness (DUMI)

- Persons with previously untreated SMI
- Self-reported and/or parent/family-reported onset of SMI symptoms
- Untreated SMI *for which the person is referred*
 - Example: 10 year moderate depression and recent onset of psychosis
- County discretion on metrics for determining SMI



Duration of Untreated Mental Illness (DUMI)

- Interval between onset of the symptoms of SMI (e.g. psychosis) and entry into medically necessary treatment for the SMI on the basis of which the referral was made
 - Average
 - Random sampling
- “Entry” defined as participating at least once in treatment to which referred
- “Medically necessary treatment” not defined in regulations



Questions?

