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North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC

Section 1500 – Clinical: Co-Occurring Disorder Screening and Assessment-

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SUBJECT: CO-OCCURRING DISORDER SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT

PURPOSE

To provide an integrated, comprehensive and routine screening and assessment process for substance use disorder and mental health disorders throughout the North Sound Region.

POLICY

Providers will ensure all individuals age 13 and above at admission are asked to complete the statewide approved screening and assessment tool, GAIN-SS (Global Appraisal of Individual Needs-Short Screener).

PROCEDURES

1. Provider must attempt to screen all individuals aged 13 and above through the use of the Health Care Authority (HCA) provided GAIN-SS during:
 - a. All new intakes and re-admits at Behavioral Health Agencies (BHA) for individuals including children who turn 13 (between 13th birthday and the next individual service plan review).
 - b. The initial evaluation at free-standing, non-hospital evaluation and treatment facilities.
 - c. The provision of each crisis episode of care including Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) investigations services, except when:
 - i. Service results in a referral for an intake assessment.
 - ii. Service results in an involuntary detention under RCW 71.05, 71.34
 - iii. Contact is by telephone only.
 - iv. Clinician conducting the crisis intervention or ITA investigation has information the individual has completed a GAIN-SS screening within the previous 12 months.
2. GAIN-SS screening must be completed as self-report by the individual and signed by the individual on the HCA-GAIN-SS form located at: <http://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/behavioral-health-recovery/gain-ss> If the individual refuses to complete the GAIN-SS screening or if the clinician determines the individual is unable to complete the screening for any reason, this must be documented on the GAIN-SS form.
3. Results of the GAIN-SS screening, including refusals and unable-to-complete, must be reported to HCA through April 1st 2020.
4. Provider must complete a co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency disorder assessment, consistent with training provided by HCA and outlined in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Treatment Protocol 42, to determine a quadrant placement for the individual when the individual scores a two (2) or higher on either of the first two scales (Internalizing Disorder Screener & Externalizing Disorder Screener) and a two (2) or higher on the third scale (Substance Abuse Screener).

The assessment, to include quadrant placement, shall be completed as part of the initial intake evaluation process at BHAs and free-standing, non-hospital evaluation and treatment facilities. The assessment is not required during crisis episodes of care including ITA investigations. The quadrant placements are defined as:

- a. Less severe mental health disorder/less severe substance disorder;
- b. More severe mental health disorder/less severe substance disorder;
- c. Less severe mental health disorder/more severe substance disorder;
- d. More severe mental health disorder/more severe substance disorder.

5. The quadrant placement must be reported to HCA through April 1st, 2020.

ATTACHMENTS

None