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North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC

Section 1500 – Clinical: State General Funds and Mental Health Block Grant Funding Plan

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POLICY # 1574.00

SUBJECT: STATE GENERAL FUNDS AND MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT FUNDING PLAN

PURPOSE

To identify the individuals eligible for and services covered by State General Behavioral Health funds and Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funds in the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-ASO) region. For individuals eligible for services covered by State General Behavioral Health funds, and within available resources, this policy is also meant to ensure consistent application of standards region-wide for access to medically necessary behavioral health services.

POLICY

North Sound BH-ASO utilizes State General Behavioral Health funds and MHBG funds, if the resources are available, to provide services to specific populations of individuals, as well as pay for certain programs and services. The use of these funds may be revised as funding availability changes. Any changes to these categories shall be effective immediately upon written notification.

STATE GENERAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FUNDED SERVICES

Individuals financially eligible for State General Behavioral Health funded services must be ineligible for Medicaid, must not have insurance coverage for services, must be at or below 220% of federal poverty guidelines and a member of a listed priority population.

North Sound BH-ASO utilizes State General Behavioral Health funds for the following mental health services:

Core Services

1. Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Services;
2. ITA Court filing fees;
3. Mobile Outreach Crisis Services;
4. Evaluation & Treatment Facilities (E&Ts);
5. Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization;
6. Transportation;
7. Interpreter Services;
8. Regional Ombuds Services; and
9. Residential Room & Board for non-Medicaid persons

State funds Within Available Resources

1. North Sound BH-ASO administrative operations;
2. Medically Necessary State Plan outpatient mental health services including Program of Assertive Treatment (PACT) services when discharging or discharged within the past 30 days from Western State Hospital (WSH) on a case-by-case basis; and
3. Individual Tracking/Information Services.

MENTAL HEALTH BLOCK GRANT FUNDED SERVICES

Individuals financially eligible for Mental Block Grant funded services must be ineligible for Medicaid, and/or receiving a service not funded by Medicaid and covered by the BH-ASO's Mental Health Block Grant Plan.

Mental Health Block Grant funded services for individuals who meet the eligibility criteria:

1. Regional Crisis Services
2. Evaluation & Treatment Facilities (E&Ts)

Mental Health Block Grant funded services provided within available resources:

1. Medically Necessary State Plan outpatient mental health services including PACT services when discharging or discharged within the past 30 days from WSH on a case-by-case basis;
2. Residential Services

MHBG services will align with the regional plan approved by the North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board.

Providers receiving MHBG funding will be reviewed annually by their peers with expertise in mental health treatment. Providers will also be required to participate in peer reviews when requested by North Sound BH-ASO and/or Health Care Authority.

ATTACHMENTS

None