

Intensive Care Coordination (ICC) Level of Care Guideline and Medical Necessity Criteria

Admission Criteria

1. The youth meets the criteria for serious emotional disturbance (SED) as defined by Part I **AND** II of the criteria below.

Part I:

The youth currently has, or at any time during the past year has had, a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or *emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet the diagnostic criteria specified within the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual with the exception of other V codes, substance use, and developmental disorders, unless these disorders co-occur with another diagnosable disturbance.

AND

Part II:

The youth exhibits **one or more of the following** characteristics over a long period of time and to a marked degree that adversely affects educational performance:

- an inability to learn that cannot be explained by intellectual, sensory, or health factors;
- an inability to build or maintain satisfactory interpersonal relationships with peers and teachers;
- inappropriate types of behavior or feelings under normal circumstances;
- a general pervasive mood of unhappiness or depression;
- or a tendency to develop physical symptoms or fears associated with personal or school problems

*The emotional impairment is not solely the result of autism, developmental delay, intellectual impairment, hearing impairment, vision impairment, deaf-blind impairment, specific learning disability, traumatic brain injury, speech or language impairment, health impairment, or a combination thereof

AND

2. The clinical documentation supports the need for the safety and structure of treatment provided the individual's behavioral health issues are unmanageable as evidenced by: ***all of the following***

Documented history of multiple admissions to crisis stabilization programs or psychiatric hospitals (in the past 12 months) and individual has not progressed sufficiently or has regressed; **and ALL of the following:**

i. Past response to treatment has been minimal, even when treated at high levels of care for extended periods of time due to lack of or insufficient coordination;

AND

ii. Service Needs: The individual requires multiple services, other than Intensive Care Coordination, across different domains (e.g., medical, educational, social, therapeutic) that need to be coordinated to ensure effective treatment and support.

AND

iii. The child or youth's support system is in need of intensive family support service interventions to stabilize care in the home and community

Continued Stay Criteria

All of the following criteria must be met for continued treatment at this level of care:

1. The youth's clinical condition(s) continues to warrant ICC services in order to coordinate the youth's involvement with multiple service providers.

AND

2. Progress toward Individualized Care Plan (ICP) identified goals is evident and has been documented based upon the objectives defined for each goal, but the goals have not yet been substantially achieved despite sound clinical practice consistent with Wraparound and Systems of Care principles

AND

3. Progress has not been made, and the ICC Team has identified and implemented changes and revisions to the ICC Plan to support the goals of the youth and family

Discharge Criteria

Any of the following criteria is sufficient for discharge from this level of care:

1. The youth has reached their optimal level of functioning with available services and coordination.
2. The ICC Team determines that the youth's documented ICC goals and objectives have been substantially met, and continued services are not necessary to prevent worsening of the youth's behavioral health condition.
3. Consent for treatment is withdrawn.
4. The youth and parent/caregiver are not engaged in the ICC plan. Despite multiple, documented attempts to address engagement, the lack of engagement is of such a degree

that it implies withdrawn consent or treatment at this level of care becomes ineffective or unsafe.

5. The youth is placed in a hospital, skilled nursing facility, psychiatric residential treatment facility, or other residential treatment setting and is unable to return to a family home environment or a community setting with community-based supports or ICC.