

Medical Necessity for MHP Coverage

<p>For MHP coverage as a psychiatric inpatient service or an emergency psychiatric condition, the patient must meet the following:</p>	
<p>Has one of the following diagnoses in the DSM-IVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pervasive development disorders; • Disruptive behavior and attention deficit disorders; • Feeding and eating disorders of infancy or early childhood; • Tic disorders; • Elimination disorders; • Other disorders of infancy, childhood, or adolescence, cognitive disorders (dementia with delusions or depressed mood); • Substance induced disorders (with psychotic, mood, or anxiety disorder); • Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders; • Mood disorders; • Anxiety disorders; • Somatoform disorders; • Dissociative disorders; • Eating disorders; • Intermittent explosive disorder; • Pyromania; • Adjustment disorders; • Personality disorders. 	<p>Cannot be safely treated at a lower level of care <u>and</u> Requires psychiatric inpatient hospital services as the result of a mental disorder as the result of one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has symptoms or behaviors due to a mental disorder that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Represent a current danger to self or others, or significant property destruction; – Prevent the beneficiary from providing for, or utilizing, food, clothing or shelter; – Present a severe risk to the beneficiary's physical health; or – Represent a recent, significant deterioration in ability to function. • Requires admission for one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Further psychiatric evaluation; – Medication treatment; or – Other treatment that can reasonably be provided only if the patient is hospitalized.

[Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 1820.205]

For MHP coverage for outpatient specialty mental health services , the patient and/or service must meet the following:	
<p>Has one of the following diagnoses in the DSM-IVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pervasive developmental disorders, except autistic disorders • Disruptive behavior and attention deficit disorders • Feeding and eating disorders of infancy and early childhood • Elimination disorders • Other disorders of infancy, childhood, or adolescence • Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, except psychotic disorders due to a general medical condition • Mood disorders, except mood disorders due to a general medical condition • Anxiety disorders, except anxiety disorders due to a general medical condition • Somatoform disorders • Factitious disorders • Dissociative disorders • Paraphilias • Gender identity disorder • Eating disorders • Impulse control disorders not elsewhere classified • Adjustment disorders • Personality disorders, excluding antisocial personality disorder • Medication-induced movement disorders related to other included diagnoses 	<p>Have one of the following impairments as a result of the mental disorder(s) on the left:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A significant impairment in an important area of life functioning • A reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning • Except as provided in Section 1830.210, a reasonable probability a child will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate. For the purpose of this Section, a child is a person under the age of 21 years <p><u>and</u> the service meets each of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The focus of the proposed intervention is to address the condition identified in Subsection (b) (2) above. • The expectation is that the proposed intervention will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Significantly diminish the impairment, or – Prevent significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning, or – Except as provided in Section 1830.210, allow the child to progress developmentally as individually appropriate. – For a child who meets the criteria of Section 1830.210(1), meet the criteria of Section 1830.210(b) and (c). • The condition would not be responsive to physical health care-based treatment.

[Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 1830.205]

For MHP coverage for **outpatient specialty mental health services for eligible beneficiaries under 21 years of age**, the patient and/or service must meet the following:

<p>Has one of the following diagnoses in the DSM-IVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pervasive developmental disorders, except autistic disorders • Disruptive behavior and attention deficit disorders • Feeding and eating disorders of infancy and early childhood • Elimination disorders • Other disorders of infancy, childhood, or adolescence • Schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders, except psychotic disorders due to a general medical condition • Mood disorders, except mood disorders due to a general medical condition • Anxiety disorders, except anxiety disorders due to a general medical condition • Somatoform disorders • Factitious disorders • Dissociative disorders • Paraphilias • Gender identity disorder • Eating disorders • Impulse control disorders not elsewhere classified • Adjustment disorders • Personality disorders, excluding antisocial personality disorder • Medication-induced movement disorders related to other included diagnoses 	<p>The beneficiary has a condition that would not be responsive to physical health care-based treatment, <u>and</u></p> <p>The services are necessary to correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses and conditions discovered by the screening services with respect to the mental disorder.¹</p>
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[Title 9, California Code of Regulations, Section 1830.210]

¹ Other standards apply for eligibility for targeted case management.

