

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: Alabama

DEFINITION OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Definitions

Specialized Services for Mental Illness - 24 Hour Inpatient Psychiatric Treatment including individualized comprehensive treatment planning by an interdisciplinary team under the direction/supervision of a QMHP and physician.

Specialized Services for Mental Retardation - Continuous, aggressive, and consistent training to assist an individual to maintain or improve the current level of functioning in order for the individual to function with as much self-determination and independence as possible and to potentially prevent or decrease regression of functioning. Specialized Services for MR include individualized planning by an interdisciplinary team under the direction/supervision of a QMPR to assist an individual to achieve or maintain optimal functioning.

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CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

Upon Level I identification of one of the following conditions:

1. Need for Convalescent Care of 120 days or less
2. Terminal Illness with life expectancy of 6 months or less
3. Comatose
4. Ventilator Dependent
5. Functioning Only at Brain Stem Level
6. Cerebellar Degeneration
7. Advanced Amolytrophic Lateral Sclerosis
8. Huntington's Disease

and written certification by the attending physician of the above condition and that the NF applicant is not a danger to himself or others, the applicant may be admitted directly to a NF.

If the NF applicant has been identified as having any Suspected Mental Illness or Mental Retardation/Related Conditions, a determination of Specialized Services must be made although the individual may be admitted to a NF without a Level II evaluation before admission. Immediately upon admission to the NF, the NF must contact the OBRA Screening Office for a Specialized Services Determination to be made within seven working days from the date of admission to the NF.

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