

Medical Necessity Criteria

Non-24-Hour Diversionary Services Community Support Program for Individuals with Justice Involvement (CSP-JI)

Community Support Program for Individuals with Justice Involvement (CSP-JI) is a specialized CSP service to address the health-related social needs of Members with justice involvement who have a barrier to accessing or consistently utilizing medical and behavioral health services. CSP-JI includes behavioral health and community tenure sustaining supports.

Definition

Justice Involvement or Justice Involved: a Member who is a former inmate or detainee of a correctional institution who has been released from a correctional institution within the past year; or an individual under the supervision of the Massachusetts Probation Service, Massachusetts Parole Board, or both, as determined by Massachusetts Probation Service or the Massachusetts Parole Board

Criteria

Admission Criteria

All of the following criteria are necessary for admission to this level of care*.

1. The Member meets the criteria for general Community Support Program.
2. The Member has justice involvement when the services begin.
3. The Member has a barrier to accessing or consistently utilizing essential medical and behavioral health services determined by at least one of the following:
 - a. The Member demonstrates antisocial behaviors, including criminal activity that has led, or could lead, to criminal justice involvement; lack of concern for others; antisocial cognition; diagnosis with Antisocial Personality disorder; and/or disregard for authority, as expressed through distrust, conflict or opposition.
 - b. The Member engages repetitively in behaviors that pose a risk of relapse to addiction and/or mental disorder.
 - c. The Member has insufficient community and social supports to reinforce recovery.
 - d. The Member is identified as high risk, or above, of recidivism on validated risk assessments due, at least in part, to a substance use disorder, mental health or co-occurring disorder.
4. The Member demonstrates a need for behavioral health diversionary services and be at risk to 24-hour behavioral health inpatient services.
 - a. The Member has been discharged from a 24-hour behavioral health inpatient or diversionary level of care (including state hospitals) within the past year.
 - b. The Member has more than one acute behavioral health services encounter, including Adult or Youth Mobile Crisis Intervention (ACCS/YCCS) services, or services provided by Emergency Departments (ED), behavioral health services provided on an urgent care basis, or restoration centers within the past year.
 - c. The Member has documented barriers to accessing or consistently utilizing medical and behavioral health services.

Psychosocial, Occupational, and Cultural and Linguistic Factors

These factors may change the risk assessment and should be considered when making level of care decisions.

Exclusion Criteria

Any of the following criteria may be sufficient for exclusion from this level of care:

1. The Member is receiving similar supportive services and does not require this level of care.
2. The Member does not consent to Community Support Program services.

Continued Stay Criteria

Any of the following criteria are necessary for continuing in treatment at this level of care:

1. The Member is actively participating in the CSP-JI service plan and related treatment services, to the extent possible, consistent with the Member's condition.
2. The individual is in regular communication with CSP-JI staff.
3. There is documented, active coordination of services with other behavioral health providers, the PCC, and other services and state agencies. If coordination is not successful, the reasons are documented, and efforts to coordinate services continue.
4. No less-targeted intervention would be appropriate or is available.
5. Progress in relation to implementing the individual's service plan is evident and can be described in objective terms, but goals of the service plan and engagement in clinical treatment services have not yet been achieved.
6. Any adjustments in the service plan to address lack of progress are documented.

Discharge Criteria

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

1. CSP-JI service plan goals and objectives have been substantially met, and/or a safe, continuing care program can be arranged and deployed at a less-intensive or less-targeted level of care.
2. The individual has been admitted into a 24-hour facility, and a discharge plan is for a longer-term hospitalization or program for which continued CSP-JI would no longer be clinically indicated, to be determined every 60 days as to whether continued CSP-JI would be clinically indicated.
3. The Member is not utilizing or engaged in the CSP-JI service. The lack of engagement is of such a degree that treatment at this level of care becomes ineffective or unsafe, despite multiple, documented attempts to address engagement issues.
4. Consent for the CSP service is withdrawn. The Member does not meet the criteria for a more-intensive level of care.