

Priority: Basic Needs
Program Offer Type: Existing Operating
Related Programs: 25055, 25062

Lead Agency: County Human Services
Program Contact: Nancy Winters

Program Characteristics:

Executive Summary

For those who are a danger to themselves or others or are experiencing a mental health crisis, a hospital stay to safely stabilize their symptoms is required. This program is for adults and children who are enrolled in Oregon Health Plan and is paid for entirely by the State.

Program Description

Verity is the Mental Health Organization for Multnomah County residents with Oregon Health Plan insurance. Hospitalization is one of the insurance benefits. We receive State funding for this specific acute level of care. Admission for inpatient psychiatric care is based on medical necessity and clinical criteria. Inpatient psychiatric care is the highest level of psychiatric treatment necessary when community treatment has not been adequate to prevent a crisis or manage severe mental health symptoms. It is also the most costly level of care. The Call Center triages admission to this level of care and ensures that coordination takes place between the hospital and community provider for smooth transition back to the community once an individual is discharged. With this level of care coordination, possible gaps in service are identified and referrals to appropriate service are made reducing the financial risk to the county.

Program Justification

Inpatient psychiatric care is a necessary service for mentally ill individuals who are at risk to harm themselves and/or others and cannot be kept safe in the community. While hospitalized, the Call Center works to link the individual with community supports and services that will facilitate longer-term stability in the community and prevent another crisis. The case management/care coordination component of this program supports the Basic Living Needs Outcome Team's request for offers that provide crisis intervention and coordination of services. By assuring emergency psychiatric healthcare, the program also supports the Outcome Team's request for offers assuring healthcare for vulnerable members of the community.

Performance Measures

Measure Type	Primary Measure	Previous Year Actual (FY04-05)	Current Year Purchased (FY05-06)	Current Year Estimate (FY05-06)	Next Year Offer (FY06-07)
Output	Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital Days Per Thousand Member Months	122	126	124	10
Outcome	Average Length of Hospital Stay	84	88	84	8
Quality	Percent Readmitted To Hospital Within 30 Days After Discharge.	17%	17%	17%	10%
Efficiency	Percent of OHP Revenue Spent On Inpatient Care	16%	12%	12%	12%

Performance Measure - Description

Change output to 12.2, 12.6, 12.4

Change Outcome to 8.4, 8.8, 8.4

Readmission Rate Numerator:

The count of hospital admissions that are admissions within 0-30 days inclusive of the previous hospital discharge following a psychiatric admission. Readmissions that end in death are included in the numerator. Where there is more than one readmission within 30 days, each readmission is counted once, in relation to the previous discharge. Statewide average 30 day readmission 2003 8.7%

Comments: The numerator is based on a pairs of hospitalizations, the last previous discharge and the same patient's readmission.

Denominator:

The count of hospital discharges within the look-back time period.

Legal/Contractual Obligation

Multnomah County MHASD is required by its Mental Health Organization contract with the State to provide and pay for this service for all Verity enrollees. MHO Contract Statement of Work, Part II, Section V(B)(f).

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds
	2006	2006	2007	2007
Program Expenses				
Contracts	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
Subtotal: Direct Exps:	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
Administration	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$81,754
Program Support	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$177,149
Subtotal: Other Exps:	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$258,903
Total GF/non-GF:	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,258,903
Program Total:	\$4,000,000		\$4,258,903	
Program FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Program Revenues				
Intergovernmental	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,000,000
Program Revenue for Admin	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$258,903
Total Revenue:	\$0	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$4,258,903

Explanation of Revenues

Oregon Health Plan revenue based on December premium rates and assuming 66,970 insured members - \$4,000,000.

Significant Program Changes

Last year this program was: #25046, MH Inpatient Services