

## Level of Care II: Residential Crisis Services- Adult, Child and Adolescent

<p><b>I. Principles for Medical Necessity Criteria:</b> Residential Crisis services are provided on a short-term basis in a community-based residential setting to prevent a psychiatric inpatient admission or the need for a prolonged acute hospitalization. This service is available for members of all age groups.</p> <p>When an Individual has a mental disorder that requires professional evaluation and treatment, he/she should be treated at the least intensive setting able to meet the individual's medical needs.</p> <p>Satisfaction of all admission and continued care criteria must be documented in the clinical record based upon the conditions and factors identified below before treatment will be authorized.</p>	
<p><b>II. Admission Criteria</b></p>	<p><i>All of the following criteria are necessary for admission:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The consumer has a PMHS specialty mental health DSM-IV diagnosis which requires, and is likely to respond to, therapeutic intervention.</li> <li>B. The Individual is at risk for hospitalization or continued hospitalization.</li> <li>C. There is a need for immediate intervention because the Individual: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Is at risk for harm of self or others; or</li> <li>➤ Is experiencing rapid deterioration of functioning as a result of psychiatric symptoms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. All less intensive levels of treatment have been determined to be unsafe or unsuccessful.</li> </ul>
<p><b>III. Severity of Need and Intensity of Service</b></p>	<p>Medical necessity for admission to Residential Crisis services must be documented by the presence of all of the criteria. Length of service varies based on medical necessity but is designed to be short-term. Active involvement of the Individual, family, caretaker or others involved in the Individual's treatment should be sought.</p>
<p><b>IV. Continued Stay Criteria:</b></p>	<p><i>All of the following criteria are necessary for continuing treatment at this level of care:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The consumer continues to meet admission criteria.</li> <li>B. Diversion from inpatient hospitalization continues to appear possible.</li> <li>C. The individual's current available living environment is not suitable for stabilizing the Individual during the crisis.</li> <li>D. Progress in relation to specific symptoms/impairments/dysfunction is clearly evident and can be described in objective terms, but goals of treatment have not been achieved or adjustments in the treatment plan to address the lack of progress are evident.</li> </ul>

	C. There is documented active planning for transition to a less intensive level of care
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