

Section 17 – Community Support Services

Definition --a rehabilitative service that is provided in the context of a supportive relationship, pursuant to an individual support plan that promotes a person's recovery and integration into the community, and sustains the person in his or her current living situation or another living situation of his or her choice.

Eligibility

- Meets both general Maine Care eligibility requirements and specific eligibility requirements for Community Support Services
- The person is age eighteen (18) or older or is an emancipated minor
- Primary diagnosis of Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective disorder in accordance with the DSM 5 criteria; or
- Another primary DSM 5 diagnosis or DSM 4 equivalent diagnosis with the exception of Neurocognitive Disorders, Neurodevelopmental Disorders, Antisocial Personality Disorder and Substance Use Disorders who:
 - a) has a written opinion from a clinician, based on documented or reported history, stating that he/she is likely to have future episodes, related to mental illness, with a non-excluded DSM 5 diagnosis, that would result in or have significant risk factors of homelessness, criminal justice involvement or require a mental health inpatient treatment greater than 72 hours, or residential treatment unless community support program services are provided; based on documented or reported history; for the purposes of this section, reported history shall mean an oral or written history obtained from the member, a provider, or a caregiver; or
 - b) has received treatment in a state psychiatric hospital, within the past 24 months, for a non-excluded DSM 5 diagnosis; or
 - c) has been discharged from a mental health residential facility, within the past 24 months, for a non-excluded DSM 5 diagnosis; or

- d) has had two or more episodes of inpatient treatment for mental illness, for greater than 72 hours per episode, within the past 24 months, for a non-excluded DSM 5 diagnosis; or
 - e) has been committed by a civil court for psychiatric treatment as an adult; or
 - f) until the age of 21, the recipient was eligible as a child with severe emotional disturbance, and the recipient has a written opinion from a clinician, in the last 12 months, stating that the recipient had risk factors for mental health inpatient treatment or residential treatment, unless ongoing case management or community support services are provided.
- And has significant impairment or limitation in adaptive behavior or functioning
 - And required LOCUS Assessment score (17-21)

Covered Services Could Include:

- Community Integration Services;
 - Community Rehabilitation Services;
 - Intensive Case Management;
 - Assertive Community Treatment (ACT);
- Daily Living Support Services;
 - Skills Development Services;
 - Day Supports Services;
 - Specialized Group Services;
 - Interpreter Services.

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