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Target Population Definitions

1. "At-Risk" (Under 21)

The case management target population identified as "at-risk" involves families with children at risk of physical, mental or emotional dysfunction. This target population is comprised of five subgroups described as follows:

◆ "A child with special health care needs"

Examples of conditions that cause a child to be considered a child "with special health care needs" are:

- Congenital conditions (e.g., cerebral palsy, spina bifida, congenital heart disease)
- Acquired illness or injuries (e.g., spinal cord injury, intracranial injury)
- Behavioral health conditions (e.g., substance abuse, attention deficit disorder)
- Chronic health conditions (e.g., seizure disorders, juvenile diabetes)
- Physical or sensory disorders (e.g., sensorineural hearing loss)

◆ "A child who is at risk of maltreatment by the primary caregiver(s)"

The county agency responsible for child protective services documents a finding that abuse or neglect has or is likely to occur. The file must contain the following assessment (a copy of the court disposition will suffice)

- the manner in which the caregiver(s) parent the child
- The child's current level of daily functioning

- The caregiver(s) level of functioning, including mental health functioning
- The family's functioning, ability to cope with current stressors and the resources available to help the family cope
- The risk of maltreatment to other children in the family
- Past allegations of maltreatment



◆ "Child involved in the juvenile justice system"

The following documentation needs to be in the file proving that the youth is at-risk of, involved in or alleged to be involved in anti-social behavior:

- The youth has been referred to juvenile court intake because he/she is either alleged or adjudicated delinquent
- The youth is an alleged or adjudicated child in need of protection or services (CHIPS)

◆ "Families where the primary caregiver has a mental illness, developmental disability or substance abuse disorder"

The **caregiver** has a diagnosis of a developmental disability, alcohol or other drug abuse or dependence, or mental illness. A qualified professional must make the

diagnosis. In addition to this diagnosis, the case management agency documents that as a result of the disability, the child's physical or emotional development or ability to engage in usual activities is restricted.

◆ **"Families where the mother required prenatal care coordination (PNCC) services"**

- Evidence that the mother was involved in a Medicaid Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC) program
- A completed Medicaid PNCC risk assessment showing that the mother was at risk for an adverse pregnancy outcome (even though the woman may not have participated in the PNCC program)

In addition, the provider must document that coordination activities continue to be required to ensure the best possible health outcome for the child.



2. "SED" (Severely Emotionally Disturbed) and under age 21

"Severely emotionally disturbed child" means an individual under 21 years of age who has emotional and behavioral problems that:

- Are severe in degree;
- Are expected to persist for at least one year;
- Substantially interfere with the individual's functioning in his or her family, school or community and with his

or her ability to cope with the ordinary demands of life; and

- Cause the individual to need services from 2 or more agencies or organizations that provide social services or services or treatment for mental health, juvenile justice, child welfare, special education or health.

In order for a recipient to qualify for SED, one of the following must occur:

- A finding that the child is SED must be made by a three-person team of mental health experts (one of which must be a psychiatrist or psychologist) appointed by the case management agency provider. This finding and the activities leading to the determination that a child is SED are NOT to be considered as part of WMAP-funded case management services and may NOT be billed or paid as such. Documentation of the findings must be available and retained in the client's clinical record; or
- The recipient is determined to be eligible for admission to an Integrated Services project as a child with severe emotional and behavioral problems

3. "Birth to Three" (0-36 months)

A child is eligible for Birth to 3 services if the child has been evaluated by the Early Intervention (EI) team and found to have a delay of at least 25% in one developmental area, **or** the child has a diagnosed condition known to cause developmental delays, **or** the EI team determines that the child's development is atypical from that of same age peers. Further definition can be found in WI HFS 90.

4. "Developmental Disability"

"Developmental disability" means a disability attributable to brain injury, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, Prader-Willi syndrome, mental retardation, or another neurological condition closely related to mental retardation or requiring treatment similar to that required for mental retardation, which has continued or can be expected to continue indefinitely and constitutes a substantial handicap to the

afflicted individual. "Developmental disability" does not include senility, which is primarily caused by the process of aging or the infirmities of aging.

5. "Mental Illness" (for those age over 21) (Under 21 fits "SED")

"Chronic mental illness" means a mental illness which is severe in degree and persistent in duration, which causes a substantially diminished level of functioning in the primary aspects of daily living and an inability to cope with the ordinary demands of life, which may lead to an inability to maintain stable adjustment and independent functioning which may be of lifelong duration. "Chronic mental illness" includes schizophrenia as well as a wide spectrum of psychotic and other severely disabling psychiatric diagnostic categories, but does not include infirmities of aging or a primary diagnosis of mental retardation or of alcohol or drug dependence.

6. "AODA" (No age restriction but if under 21, should probably be "at-risk")

AODA dependent means a person who uses one or more drugs to the extent that the person's health is substantially impaired or his or her social or economic functioning is substantially disrupted.

"Alcoholism" is a disease, which is characterized by the dependency of a person on the drug alcohol, to the extent that the person's health is substantially impaired or endangered or his or her social or economic functioning is substantially disrupted.

"Drug dependent" means a person who uses one or more drugs to the extent that the person's health is substantially impaired or his or her social or economic functioning is substantially disrupted.

2010 Spring File Reviews

In June, onsite visits will be conducted for the purpose of making sure there is compliance with State regulations. There will be visits at 6 different TCM providers for Kenosha County to review their Medicaid documentation. As always, checklists derived from the Wisconsin Medicaid Handbooks will be used.



Tips and Reminders

- Good case management language includes but is not limited to: arranged, corresponded, prepared, facilitated, coordinated and scheduled.
- **Plans of Care must be updated at a minimum every six months.** The updates should be billed as ongoing and need to **be signed and dated by the Service Facilitator.**
- **No shows, home visits where no one is home and left messages are not MA billable.**