

**OREGON DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
**Operations Division**  
**Health Services Section Policy and Procedure #P-G-04**

SUBJECT: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

POLICY: The ODOC provides a comprehensive mental health program to meet the needs of all inmates. The mental health program provides services for inmates with acute mental health crises, short term needs and long term needs, including co-occurring substance abuse issues and behavioral disorders. Mental health services are coordinated through Counseling and Treatment Services (CTS). Substance abuse treatment is coordinated through the Transitional Services Division.

REFERENCE: NCCHC Standard P-G-04  
Health Services Policy P-E-03, Transfer Screening  
Health Services Policy P-G-05, Suicide Prevention Program  
ODOC Rule #47  
Diagnostic and Statistical Manual – Fourth Edition – Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR)

DEFINITIONS:

**Treatment Provider:** A Case Manager, Mental Health Counselor, Prescribing Practitioner, or CTS clinical supervisory staff.

**MH-codes (previously called A codes):** A system of classification to determine the allocation of mental health resources provided to inmates. MH-codes also provide information to other corrections staff about an inmate's need for services. MH-codes are:

- MH-0** Assigned to an inmate who has been assessed by a CTS treatment provider and does not meet criteria for a diagnosis that requires mental health services.
- MH-1** Assigned to an inmate who has been assessed by a CTS treatment provider and, based on diagnosis with mild acuity, does not meet criteria for mental health services (see table two).
- MH-R** Assigned to an inmate who has been assessed by a CTS treatment provider and meets diagnostic criteria for a code of MH-1 and is prescribed psychotropic medications by a CTS prescriber or the inmate's acuity level is assessed as moderate or severe. The inmate will be restricted to institutions where mental health services are available.
- MH-2** Assigned to an inmate who has been assessed by a CTS treatment provider and, based on diagnosis as outlined in table one, meets criteria for mental health services (see table two). The inmate will be restricted to institutions where mental health services are available.

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**MH-3** Assigned to an inmate who has been assessed by a CTS treatment provider and, based on diagnosis as outlined in table one, meets criteria for mental health services (see table two). The inmate will be restricted to institutions where mental health services are available.

**Acuity:** An individual's clinical presentation based on his/her current and past Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) score as well as the CTS treatment provider's clinical judgment. The acuity levels are:

Mild: GAF score of 61-100

Moderate: GAF score of 31-60

Severe: GAF score of 1-30

If an inmate has made a suicide attempt (as defined in the Suicide Prevention Procedure) within the previous three years, the acuity will be elevated to at least moderate until there has been a three year period with no attempts.

When an inmate has a significant medication change (including discontinuation of meds), the acuity will be elevated to at least moderate for 90 days to ensure that he stays at a facility with CTS services and that AIP placements are prevented without CTS clearance.

### PROCEDURE:

- A. The Health Services Manager, or designee, at each facility, with the institution Superintendent, is responsible for establishing a location to house inmates who are in need of Mental Health Services but do not require acute mental health services so that frequent observation can be maintained until CTS staff evaluates the inmate and establishes a treatment plan, releases the inmate from mental health observation or the inmate is transferred to another facility with the appropriate level of service.

#### Routine referrals to CTS:

1. Routine referrals to CTS are made using the "Request for Medical/Psychiatric Evaluation" form (attachment A) and may be made for the following circumstances:
  - a. The inmate requests mental health services.
  - b. Health care staff request an evaluation based upon observed behaviors that indicate mental health services may be needed.
2. A copy of the referral form is maintained in the Mental Health section of the inmate's health care record.

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3. Following consultation with a Mental Health Treatment Provider and SMU, inmates who are assessed as medically stable and who are requiring acute level mental health services may be transferred to a Special Management Unit.

### Crisis intervention:

1. During regular working hours, contact the Mental Health Case Manager or when not available, another Mental Health Treatment Provider.
2. Emergency referrals on weekends, holidays or at facilities without regular mental health staff, are to be made in accordance with the CTS Mental Health On-Call Procedures. These types of referrals, in addition to any other pertinent information or outcomes, are to be documented on the progress notes of the inmate's health care record.

### Transfer:

1. Inmates may be transferred to another facility for mental health care in consultation with the Health Services Manager or designee and CTS Manager or designee.

- B. A code is assigned to an inmate based on the current DSM diagnosis. An acuity level (mild, moderate, or severe) is assigned based on the inmate's current Global Assessment of Functioning.

1. Initial Assessment: When an inmate is evaluated by a CTS treatment provider, a diagnosis will be determined and an MH-code with an Acuity level will be assigned. Diagnoses which determine an MH-code can be provisional but not rule-outs. Justification for the diagnosis should be noted. The MH-code is based on the most severe diagnosis. However, the most prevalent diagnosis will drive the treatment approach.
2. Discrepant Diagnoses: If one treatment provider disagrees with another treatment provider about a diagnosis, such as a prescriber and a case manager, there will be a consultation between the providers to determine which diagnosis will be assigned. If a consensus cannot be reached regarding diagnosis, the CTS Manager will make the determination.
3. Follow-up Assessment: Each time an inmate is seen for follow-up services, the diagnosis and acuity level will be reviewed.
4. Changing a diagnosis: If the inmate no longer meets criteria for his/her previous diagnosis, the new diagnosis and MH-code will be assigned with justification appropriately documented.
5. Changing Acuity Levels: Each time an inmate is seen by a CTS treatment provider, the acuity level will be changed to reflect the most current level of functioning. This will be documented in the progress note and entered into the CTS data system.

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6. Treatment Services Schedule: Mental health services will be allocated according to an inmate's MH-code and Acuity level (see table two). Allocation of services for inmates with MH-1 and MH-R codes is as follows:

Contractors can provide up to four individual and eight group therapy sessions with approval by the mental health case manager. The case manager may request additional individual and group treatment with the approval of the local CTS manager.

**Table One MH-codes based on the current DSM diagnoses**

<b>MH-3</b>	
298.9	Psychosis NOS
295.xx	Schizophrenia
296.xx	Bipolar Disorder
300.12	Dissociative Disorders
296.3	Major Depressive Disorder, Recurrent
295.70	Schizoaffective Disorder
295.40	Schizophreniform
<b>MH-2</b>	
307.1	Anorexia
307.51	Bulimia
307.50	Eating Disorder NOS
301.83	Borderline PD
297.1	Delusional Disorder
294.xx	Dementia
299.80	Pervasive Developmental Disorders
296.2x	Major Depressive Disorder, Single Episode
301.22	Schizotypal PD
307.23	Tourette's
301.3	Cyclothymia
300.22	Agoraphobia
300.01	Panic Disorder
300.3	Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder
311.0	Depression NOS
296.90	Mood Disorder NOS
300.4	Dysthymic Disorder
301.0	Paranoid Personality Disorder
309.81	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
298.8	Brief Psychotic Disorder

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<b>MH-R</b>	
799.9	Deferred Axis I diagnosis
Any MH-1 Diagnosis that is being treated with medication	
Any MH-1 Diagnosis with a moderate or severe acuity level	
<b>MH-1</b>	
301.7	Antisocial PD
314.xx	ADHD
309.xx	Adjustment Disorders
300.23	Social Phobia
300.29	Specific Phobia
308.3	Acute Stress Disorder
300.02	General Anxiety Disorder
300.00	Anxiety Disorder NOS
301.6	Dependent PD
312.34	Intermittent Explosive Disorder
312.30	Impulse Control Disorder NOS
313.81	Oppositional-Defiant Disorder
312.33	Pyromania
312.xx	Conduct Disorder
310.1	Personality Change Secondary to Medical Cause
300.81	Somatoform
301.50	Histrionic PD
301.20	Schizoid PD
301.81	Narcissistic PD
301.4	Obsessive-Compulsive PD
307.22	Tic Disorder
312.32	Kleptomania
301.82	Avoidant PD
312.31	Pathological Gambling
302.6	Gender Identity and Sexual Disorders
30.19	Personality Disorder NOS
292.91	Substance abuse related disorders
294.91	Cognitive Disorder NOS

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**Table Two: Allocation of MH Services based on MH-code and Acuity level**

	Mild (GAF=61-100)	Moderate (GAF=31-60)	Severe (GAF=01-30)
<b>MH-3</b>	Recommended case mgmt contact at least every 90 days  Group	Recommended case mgmt contact at least every 30 days  Group  Individual	Recommended case mgmt contact at least weekly  Group  Individual
<b>MH-2</b>	Recommended case mgmt contact at least every 120 days  Group	Recommended case mgmt contact at least every 60 days  Group  Individual	Recommended case mgmt contact at least weekly  Group  Individual
<b>MH-R</b>	Prescriber only if referred through case mgr	Prescriber only if referred through case mgr  Group	Prescriber only if referred through case mgr  Group  Individual
<b>MH-1 MH-0</b>	No services		

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**REQUEST FOR MEDICAL/PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION**

Provider making the referral \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ Mental Health Case manager notification
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mental Health Evaluation request
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mental Health Evaluation and Mental Health Treatment request
- \_\_\_\_\_ Medical Evaluation and Medical Treatment request
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other

Review request urgency

\_\_\_\_\_ Routine          \_\_\_\_\_ 2-7 days          \_\_\_\_\_ 24 hours

Nature of problem. \_\_\_\_\_

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Impression \_\_\_\_\_

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Mental Health Medications \_\_\_\_\_

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Other actions taken so far \_\_\_\_\_

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Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

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SID # _____
DOB _____