

Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County

Eligibility for Board-Funded Treatment Services

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POLICY

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) will reimburse contracted providers for mental health and/or substance use disorder treatment services under the following conditions: the individual is an adult or youth seeking treatment services including assessment for a condition related to mental health and/or substance use as defined by the current Diagnostic and Statistical Manual; the individual meets MHRSB residency, income guidelines and is enrolled in the Enrollment and Billing platform as a Lucas County resident.

All individuals in Lucas County are eligible to receive crisis services for up to 72 hours through the MHRSB-designated agency regardless of meeting income and/or residency requirements.

In keeping with the MHRSB's mission, a robust network of providers exists to meet the treatment needs of Lucas County residents. Agencies seeking payment for treatment services for Lucas County residents outside of Lucas County are not eligible for reimbursement, including emergency hospitalization in and out of state.

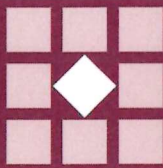
PROCEDURE

MHRSB defines residency as a person's physical presence in Lucas County with the intent to remain, except that if a person (1) is residing at a mental health and/or substance use disorder service facility, correctional facility or health care facility that includes nighttime sleeping accommodations, or (2) individuals who as a result of a criminal or civil court order are located in Lucas County; residence means that county in which a person maintained their primary place of residence at the time they entered the facility

"Intent to remain" is to be interpreted to mean a person's expressed or reasonably implied intent, together with actions which taken as a whole indicate a desire to remain permanently in Lucas County. In addition to stated intent, the following are other factors which will be considered in assessing whether a person's actions demonstrate intent to be a resident: mailing address, voting, car registration, job or other vocational efforts, payment of taxes, location of family, and general conduct.

Residency for children is to be determined by the residency of the parents (or guardian) and should change when the parents move (even when this occurs in the middle of a hospitalization or residential placement). When temporary or permanent legal custody of a child has been awarded to some other official entity (such as LCCS, ODYS, etc.), residency should remain with the county where the court which ruled maintains jurisdiction.

Individuals who present as homeless, as defined by the Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board, within Lucas County shall be considered a resident. Contracted Providers are required to verify all claims of homelessness to the extent possible.



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Residency for college students who are dependents of their parent(s), is determined by the residency of the parent(s)/or guardian(s) and should change when the parent(s)/guardian(s) move (even when the move occurs in the middle of a hospitalization or residential placement). For independent students, the individual is eligible if intent to remain is established.

Individuals who do not meet any residency requirements previously defined and were out of county or state residents immediately prior to locating in Lucas County to visit or for a time-limited specific purpose are not considered Lucas County residents. Intent to remain must be established before being considered a Lucas County resident.

Financial need is defined as those uninsured, underinsured, or indigent clients who meet the financial qualifications to receive MHR SB-subsidized treatment services as identified in the Payor of Last Resort-First Party Payor Subsidy Policy.

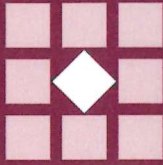
Clients who exceed their Medicaid established benefit limits for treatment services are not subsequently eligible for MHR SB-subsidized treatment services

Clients who meet MHR SB residency, income guidelines and are enrolled in the Enrollment and Billing platform as a Lucas County resident; and who have an open case with a MHR SB funded treatment provider; and are incarcerated in the Lucas County Corrections Center or the Correction Center of Northwest Ohio, or admitted into the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital or private hospital that maintains a psychiatric unit are eligible to receive up to 120 minutes of case management services funded by the MHR SB while incarcerated or hospitalized. Services will be provided for the purposes of discharge planning and continuity of care purposes only.

MHR SB funded treatment providers, to the exclusion of established benefit limits, are expected to manage their MHR SB treatment allocation funding (Purchase of Service or POS) to ensure availability of funding through the fiscal year.

MHR SB funded treatment providers may limit benefits to eligible individuals (as described within this policy) to effectively manage their treatment allocation; however, services should be prioritized for individuals diagnosed with a Severe Mental Illness (SMI) and/or Substance Use Disorder (moderate or severe). Agencies intending to restrict access will notify the MHR SB at least 14 days prior to proposed changes. Criteria for a SMI or Substance Use Disorder is defined as the following qualifying diagnoses, *or* functional limitations, *and* need for medication:

- Schizophreniform Disorder,
- Bipolar Disorder with Psychotic Features,
- Major Depression with Psychotic Features,
- Schizoaffective Disorder,



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- Delusional Disorder,
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- Major Depressive Disorder,
- Persistent Depressive Disorder (Dysthymia);
- Bipolar I Disorder,
- Bipolar II Disorder,
- Cyclothymic Disorder
- and/or
- Substance Use Disorder, (moderate or severe)

OR

Documented Impairment in Functioning, (*defined by experiencing a minimum of **two** of the four functional limitations on a continuous or intermittent basis*) and requires ongoing pharmacological management to manage their Impairment in Functioning due to Mental Illness:

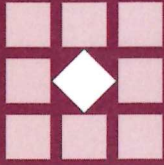
Functional Limitations:

- Marked difficulties in self-care (personal hygiene, diet, and clothing, avoiding injuries, securing health care or complying with medical advice).
- Marked restriction of activities of daily living (maintaining a residence, using transportation, day-to-day money management, accessing community services).
- Marked difficulties in maintaining social functioning (establishing and maintaining social relationships, interpersonal interactions with primary partner, children or other family members, friends, neighbors, social skills, compliance with social norms, appropriate use of leisure time).
- Frequent deficiencies of concentration, persistence or pace resulting in failure to complete tasks in a timely manner (ability to complete tasks commonly found in work settings or in structured activities that take place in home or school settings, individuals may exhibit limitations in these areas when they repeatedly are unable to complete simple tasks within an established time period, make frequent errors in tasks, or require assistance in the completion of tasks).

AND

Requires Ongoing Pharmacological Management:

A documented history shows that the individual at some prior time met the threshold for Impairment in Functioning (above), but the symptoms and/or functioning problems are currently attenuated by medication. (*Medication refers to Food and Drug Administration approved and prescribed psychotropic medications, methadone, buprenorphine and extended release naltrexone*).

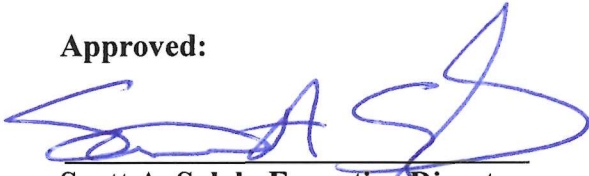



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