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Policy Name	Referrals for Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment		
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Policy

It is the policy of Communities Connected for Kids (CCKids) to ensure quality, timely and appropriate Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessments.

Procedure

1. All children entering out-of-home care will be provided a Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment (CBHA). The purpose of the assessment is to:
 - a. Provide assessment of areas where no other information is available
 - b. Update pertinent information not considered current
 - c. Integrate and interpret all existing and new assessment information
 - d. Provide functional information, including strengths and needs that will aid in the development of strategies to enable the child to live in the least restrictive environment
 - e. Provide specific information and recommendations to accomplish family preservation, reunification, or re-entry and permanency planning
 - f. Provide data to support the most appropriate placement when out-of-home care or residential mental health treatment is necessary
 - g. Provide the basis for developing the behavioral health component of the case plan
2. Within 7 days of the child being sheltered, the CPI (or DCM if the case has been transferred prior to 72 hours) will complete a CBHA referral using uRefer.
3. CCKids Eligibility Specialist verifies Medicaid and authorizes referral in uRefer. Referral is sent directly to Providers.
4. Within 24 calendar days of receipt of the authorization, the Provider Agency will complete the CBHA. Completed assessments can be viewed / printed from uAssess.



5. The CCKids Behavioral Health Specialist/Single Point of Access (SPOA) or designee will review the CBHA for quality, completeness, adherence to Medicaid required elements and billing hours. If the assessment is incomplete or unsatisfactory, the assessment will be returned to the Provider Agency for corrections.
6. CCKids and CBHA assessors have the ability and responsibility to refer a child directly to a Baker Act receiving facility when that intensive level of crisis intervention is necessary during the course of completing a CBHA.
7. CCKids cannot guarantee throughout the assessment a child/children will remain in a placement or that all parties needed to complete an assessment will be available or cooperative. If an assessor is unable to complete the assessment for any reason, the CCKIDS Behavioral Health Specialist/SPOA must be contacted immediately.
8. CBHAs for children with No Diagnosis shall be invoiced by the provider using the code: V71.09 for No Diagnosis.
9. The Dependency Case Manager (DCM) will review the report for any recommendations regarding behavioral health services and will make appropriate requests for services. The DCM will ensure that the CLS attorney receives a copy of the CBHA and resulting service authorizations to file with the court.

Tracking

1. Referrals will be tracked by CCKids Behavioral Health Specialist/SPOA using uRefer.
2. The CCKids Behavioral Health Specialist/SPOA will maintain a current list of all participating Network providers who conduct CBHAs in uRefer.

Authorization Requirements

CBHA providers should adhere to the Medicaid Specialized Therapeutic Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook's requirements, and/or the Child Welfare Specialty Plan's requirements (i.e., Sunshine Health's Medical Necessity Criteria for Florida Community Based services), to ensure that the service, and service documentation, meets the specified criteria for reimbursement.

1. Providers may receive up to twenty (20) hours of reimbursement for the completion of CBHA assessments.
 - a. Development and completion of CBHA assessments, 0-15 hours, do not require prior authorization. Development and completion of CBHA assessments, 16-20 hours, requires prior authorization of the additional hours.



2. Upon a CBHA provider's determination that additional hours (i.e., units) may be necessary, the provider should request authorization from Sunshine Health.
3. The CBCIH Behavioral Health Consultant is available to provide clinical consultation to the Community Based Care Lead Agencies regarding the CBHA process and recommendations.

CBHA Providers:

Provider Agencies shall ensure that persons conducting CBHA assessments meet provider certification and credentialing requirements in accordance with the Agency for Health Care Administration's Medicaid Program, the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care plans and the Medicaid Community Specialized Therapeutic Services Coverage and Limitations Handbook, as well as other applicable Florida Statutes.

1. CCKids will provide appropriate training for provider agencies and their assessors. Upon request, CBCIH is available to provide consultation and training CCKids who are responsible for the provider training, and can initiate requests for additional training by Sunshine Health via the Integrate® system.

OUT OF COUNTY ASSIGNMENT OF A CBHA

If CCKids receives a request from Out of County to complete a CBHA on a child placed in the local area, CCKids Behavioral Health Socialist/SPOA communicates with the Behavioral Health Coordinator from the sending CBC and assists in making the referral for services. If CCKids needs a CBHA completed on a child that is placed out of the local area, the CCKids Behavioral Health Specialist/SPOA communicates with the Behavioral Health Coordinator in the area where the child is placed to make this request.

ASSESSMENT UPDATES

A child in licensed foster care who has not been provided an assessment within 12 months AND is experiencing significant behavioral and/or emotional difficulties in his/her current placement may be eligible for an annual comprehensive behavioral health assessment. When a CBHA is utilized as a component of the decision making process for therapeutic placement the assessment may not be older than one year.

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