

PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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POLICY:

Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility [PHF] Nursing Staff will follow these guidelines regarding Target Population definition: "Serious mental disorder" means a mental disorder which is severe in degree and persistent in duration, which may cause behavioral functioning which interferes substantially with the primary activities of daily living, and which may result in an inability to maintain stable adjustment and independent functioning without treatment, support and rehabilitation for a long or indefinite period of time. Serious mental disorders include; Schizophrenia, as well as Major Affective Disorders or other severely disabling mental disorders. This definition shall not exclude dual-diagnosed persons with a primary diagnosis of a serious mental disorder and secondary diagnoses of substance abuse or developmental disability or other physical or mental disorder.

A member of the target population shall meet all three of the following:

1. A mental disorder as defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual IV-R (DSM IV-R), other than a primary substance use disorder or developmental disorder.
2. As a result of the mental disorder, the person has substantial functional impairments or symptoms, or a psychiatric history demonstrating that without treatment there is an imminent risk of decompensation to having substantial impairments or symptoms. "Functional impairment" means being substantially impaired as the result of a mental disorder in one of the following: independent living, social relationships, vocational skills or physical condition.
3. As a result of the functional impairment, the person is eligible for public assistance, services, or entitlements or is otherwise legally a public responsibility or fiscal liability. This target population explicitly includes ethnic minorities and other disadvantaged persons. Target population member include, but may not be limited to persons who are:
 - A. Criminal justice offenders