

NURSING SERVICE GUIDELINES INPATIENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Guideline: Group treatment

Policy Number Superseded:

Responsibility: Trained Behavioral Health staff

Purpose of Guideline:

Documentation is systematically provided which describes and supports active treatment in a behavioral form, including the patient's response to treatment, focus of the treatment and patient progress in relation to the problem as stated in the individualized treatment plan.

Procedure:

Documentation will reflect adherence to specific standards and active treatment principles.

- (A) A documented group note is made for every group attended by each individual patient on a daily basis. If a patient does not attend scheduled therapy groups, there is documentation as to the reason.
- (B) For patients, who due to their severity of symptoms are not capable of attending a group setting, a focused, therapeutic 1:1 encounter is conducted per individualized treatment plan.
- (C) The group note or 1:1 note begins with the identified problem as stated on the treatment plan of the individual patient.
- (D) The group note includes the start and stop time of the group.
- (E) The treatment intervention is described in the group note or 1:1 note.
- (F) Patient's response to the intervention and progress toward treatment goals based on content/focus of the group is included.



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- (G) The group note or 1:1 note is signed with the clinician's name and credential after every entry.

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