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Continued Service, Transfer and Discharge Criteria

Continued Service Criteria:

It is appropriate to retain the client at the present level of care if:

Severity Scale (0-4):	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	___	x
Overall Severity:	Low	Moderate	High					

The client is making progress, but has not yet achieved the goals articulated in the individualized treatment plan. Continued treatment at the present level of care is assessed as necessary to permit the client to continue to work toward his or her treatment goals.

The client is not yet making progress, but has the capacity to resolve his or her problems. The client is actively working toward the goals articulated in the individualized treatment plan. Continued treatment at the present level of care is assessed as necessary to permit the client to continue to work toward his or her treatment goals.

New problems have been identified that are appropriately treated at the present level of care. The new problem or priority requires services, the frequency and intensity of which can only safely be delivered by continued stay in the current level of care. The level of care in which the client is receiving treatment is therefore the least intensive level at which the client's new problems can be addressed effectively.



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Recommendation for Level of Care:

Transfer Criteria:

It is appropriate to transfer the client from the present level of care if he or she meets the following criteria:

Severity Scale (0-4): D1 ___ D2 ___ D3 ___ D4 ___ D5 ___ D6 ___ x
Overall Severity: Low ___ Moderate ___ High ___

The client has achieved the goals articulated in his or her individualized treatment plan, thus resolving the problem(s) that justified admission to the present level of care. Continuing the chronic disease management of the client's condition at a less restrictive level of care is indicated.

The client has been unable to resolve the problem(s) that justified admission to the present level of care, despite amendments to the treatment plan. The client is determined to have achieved the maximum possible benefit from engagement in services at the current level of care. Treatment at another level of care (more or less restrictive) in the same type of service, or discharge from treatment, is therefore indicated.



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The client has demonstrated a lack of capacity due to diagnostic or co-occurring conditions that limit his or her ability to resolve his or her problem(s). Treatment at a qualitatively different level of care or type of service, or discharge from treatment, is therefore indicated.

The client experienced an intensification of his or her problem(s), or has developed a new problem(s), and can be treated effectively only at a more intensive level of care.

Recommendation for Level of Care:

Discharge Criteria:

It is appropriate to discharge the client from the present level of care if he or she meets the following criteria:

Severity Scale (0-4): D1 ____ D2 ____ D3 ____ D4 ____ D5 ____ D6 ____ x
Overall Severity: Low ____ Moderate ____ High ____



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The client has achieved the goals articulated in his or her individualized treatment plan, thus resolving the problem(s) that justified admission to the present level of care. Continuing the chronic disease management of the client's condition at a less restrictive level of care is indicated.

The client has been unable to resolve the problem(s) that justified admission to the present level of care, despite amendments to the treatment plan. The client is determined to have achieved the maximum possible benefit from engagement in services at the current level of care. Treatment at another level of care (more or less restrictive) in the same type of service, or discharge from treatment, is therefore indicated.

The client has demonstrated a lack of capacity due to diagnostic or co-occurring conditions that limit his or her ability to resolve his or her problem(s). Treatment at a qualitatively different level of care or type of service, or discharge from treatment, is therefore indicated.

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