

PROPOSAL FOR AQAP STUDY

Access to treatment for long-term severe psychosis (SPMI) in Connecticut, with possible focus on persecutory delusional disorders. Some suggested questions AQAP may address in the coming year (2023-24), with participation of Carelon, DMHAS and other resources:

- Is there data on the prevalence of persecutory delusional disorders in CT?
- How many are being treated? Is data available of cases not being treated?
- Does Medicaid support and adequate range of treatment for this disorder, including recent cognitive-based treatments for psychotic persecutory delusional disorders (e.g. Feeling Safe)?
- Which, if any, medical centers in CT have active programs to treat persecutory delusional disorders?
- Does DMHAS encourage or support introduction and use of new treatment methods and developing therapies?
- What are barriers to greater access to treatment for persecutory disorders?
- Can we identify examples of other effective treatments for long-term psychotic disorders that evidence would suggest to be underutilized in the state's mental health system e.g. ECT?
- What are possible barriers to better access to such treatments?
- Within its stated mandate, can AQAP and BHPOC develop policy proposals to improve treatment and access for SPMI and persecutory disorders?