

Revisions to Riverview Hospital Level of Care Guidelines

The original level of care guideline for Riverview Hospital for Children was subsumed within the Acute Psychiatric Inpatient level of care guideline. In the context of an overall review of the CT BHP level of care guidelines, it was decided that due to the unique nature of the facility, that Riverview should have a separate level of care guideline. The following are the highlights:

- **Definition:** There had been no definition in the previous level of care guideline. This definition reflects the unique nature of Riverview's specialized services that often take place over a longer period of time than traditional acute inpatient psychiatric settings.
- **Authorization Process and Time Frame for Service:** The first paragraph and second paragraph are new and seek to address the need for child and family involvement in all aspects of treatment. Previously the authorization process mirrored the acute psychiatric inpatient. This process is less prescriptive so as to accommodate the individual needs of the client.
- **Admission Criteria:** A.1.1 and A.1.2 are largely consistent with the previous level of care guideline with language that continues to differentiate the clinical needs that are uniquely met by Riverview. A.1.3 illustrates some of the specialized staffing, diagnostic services and intermediate lengths of stay provided at Riverview.
- **Continued Care Criteria:** This section has been enhanced to emphasize the need for family involvement in all levels of treatment planning and implementation. Bullets A.2.1 through A.2.5 are consistent with the original Acute Inpatient Level of Care Guideline, but language has been added to address the need for early discharge planning and for the admission to focus on the furtherance of the initial treatment plan. Bullet A.2.6 is largely consistent with the original Acute Inpatient Level of Care Guideline, but provides more detail about what goes into active care planning. Bullet A.2.7 is consistent with the original Acute Inpatient Level of Care Guideline.