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## North Sound Mental Health Administration

### Section 1500 – CLINICAL: Co-Occurring Disorder Screening and Assessment

Authorizing Source: RCW 70.96 B and C, 71.05, 71.34, WAC 388-877-0610, NSMHA contract

Cancels:

See Also:

Providers must comply with this policy and individualized implementation guidelines may be developed by BHAs

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## **POLICY#1559.00**

### **SUBJECT: CO-OCCURRING DISORDER SCREENING AND ASSESSMENT**

#### **PURPOSE**

To provide an integrated, comprehensive and routine screening and assessment process for chemical dependency and mental health disorders throughout the North Sound Region.

#### **POLICY**

Providers will ensure all consumers age 13 and above at admission are asked to complete the statewide approved screening and assessment tool, GAIN-SS (Global Appraisal of Individual Needs-Short Screener).

#### **PROCEDURE**

1. Provider must attempt to screen all individuals aged 13 and above through the use of the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) provided GAIN-SS during:
  - a. All new intakes and re-admits at Behavioral Health Agencies (BHA) for individuals including children who turn 13 (between 13<sup>th</sup> birthday and the next recovery plan review).
  - b. The initial evaluation at free-standing, non-hospital evaluation and treatment facilities.
  - c. The provision of each crisis episode of care including Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) investigations services, except when:
    - i. Service results in a referral for an intake assessment.
    - ii. Service results in an involuntary detention under RCW 71.05, 71.34
    - iii. Contact is by telephone only.
    - iv. Clinician conducting the crisis intervention or ITA investigation has information the individual has completed a GAIN-SS screening within the previous 12 months.
2. GAIN-SS screening must be completed as self-report by the individual and signed by the individual on the DSHS-GAIN-SS form located at:  
[http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/ms/forms/14\\_485.pdf](http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/ms/forms/14_485.pdf). If the individual refuses to complete the GAIN-SS screening or if the clinician determines the individual is unable to complete the screening for any reason, this must be documented on the GAIN-SS form.
3. Results of the GAIN-SS screening, including refusals and unable-to-complete, must be reported to Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) through the Consumer Information System (CIS).
4. Provider must complete a co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency disorder assessment, consistent with training provided by DBHR and outlined in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Treatment Protocol 42, to determine a quadrant placement for the individual when the individual scores a two (2) or higher on either of the first two scales (Internalizing Disorder Screener & Externalizing Disorder Screener) and a two (2) or higher on the third scale (Substance Disorder Screener).

The assessment, to include quadrant placement, shall be completed as part of the initial intake evaluation process at BHAs and free-standing, non-hospital evaluation and treatment facilities. The assessment is not required during crisis episodes of care including ITA investigations. The quadrant placements are defined as:

- a. Less severe mental health disorder/less severe substance disorder;
  - b. More severe mental health disorder/less severe substance disorder;
  - c. Less severe mental health disorder/more severe substance disorder;
  - d. More severe mental health disorder/more severe substance disorder.
5. The quadrant placement must be reported to DBHR through the CIS system.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None