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Inpatient Capability and Capacity Documentation Tool

Patient

Information: _____

Date/Time of Referral: _____ Staff Name: _____

FACTORS THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY TOOL (choose objective measures that are applicable to your inpatient behavioral health unit to assess acuity, staffing, etc.):

Current Unit Acuity	Current Census
Current Bed Availability	Quiet Rooms in Use
Bed Closures	Patients on 1:1
Patients on Eyesight	Falls Risk
Psychotic Patients	Manic Patients
Skilled Nursing Care	Active Withdrawal
Active Seclusions	Active Restraints/Physical Assists
Admissions in the last 12 hours	Discharges in the last hour
Anticipated discharge in the next 2 hours	Special Staffing Issues

If patient is not accepted for admission to inpatient behavioral health unit, physician must document reason:

Physician

Name: _____

Date/Time of

Decision: _____

Include details of referral/notification to requestor, etc., depending on your workflow.

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