

42 C.F.R. § 456.160

Certification and recertification of need for inpatient care.

(a) *Certification.* (1) A physician must certify for each applicant or beneficiary that inpatient services in a mental hospital are or were needed.

(2) The certification must be made at the time of admission or, if an individual applies for assistance while in a mental hospital, before the Medicaid agency authorizes payment.

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