
42 C.F.R. § 485.914

Condition of participation: Admission, initial evaluation, comprehensive assessment, and discharge or transfer of the client.

The CMHC must ensure that all clients admitted into its program are appropriate for the services the CMHC furnishes in its facility.

(a) *Standard: Admission.* (1) The CMHC must determine that each client is appropriate for the services it provides as specified in § 410.2 of this chapter.

(2) For clients assessed and admitted to receive partial hospitalization services and intensive outpatient services, the CMHC must also meet separate requirements as specified in § 485.918(f) and (g), as applicable.

(b) *Standard: Initial evaluation.* (1) A licensed mental health professional employed by the CMHC and acting within his or her state scope of practice requirements must complete the initial evaluation within 24 hours of the client's admission to the CMHC.

(2) The initial evaluation, at a minimum, must include the following:

(i) The admitting diagnosis as well as other diagnoses.

(ii) The source of referral.

(iii) The reason for admission as stated by the client or other individuals who are significantly involved.

(iv) Identification of the client's immediate clinical care needs related to the psychiatric diagnosis.

(v) A list of current prescriptions and over-the-counter medications, as well as other substances that the client may be taking.

(vi) For partial hospitalization services only, include an explanation as to why the client would be at risk for hospitalization if the partial hospitalization services were not provided.

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