

14. Services for individuals age 65 or older in institutions for mental diseases

- A. Inpatient hospital services are limited to ~~those recipients 65 and older if the admission is prior authorized certified for payment by a Professional Standards Medicaid's Peer Review Organization (PRO). Inpatient psychiatric services are not to exceed five days unless the attending physician documents why additional services are required. Emergency inpatient mental health services require no prior authorization. However, The only exception for the recipient to be admitted without a prior authorization would be in the event of an emergency in which the PRO Medicaid's Peer Review Organization must be contacted-notified for certification purposes within 24 hours or the first working day five business days after the admission for certification purposes.~~

An emergency psychiatric admission must meet at least one of the following three criteria:

- (1) Active suicidal ideation accompanied by a documented suicide attempt or documented history of a suicide attempt(s) within the past 90 days; or
  - (2) Active suicidal ideation accompanied by physical evidence (e.g., a note) or means to carry out the suicide threat (e.g., gun, knife or another deadly weapon); or
  - (3) Documented aggression within the 72-hour period before admission:
    - (a) Which resulted in harm to self, others, or property;
    - (b) Which manifests that control cannot be maintained outside inpatient hospitalization; and
    - (c) Which is expected to continue if no treatment is provided.
- B. Nursing facility services require prior authorization from the Medicaid office on Form NMO-49.