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CHAPTER 2500 – CASE MANAGEMENT

**BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATION**

Revisions to Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2500 – Case Management are being proposed for the re-structuring of this policy to ensure uniformity by merging the target group information and aligning provider requirements for better understanding. The DHCFP is proposing to combine each of the nine target group definitions with their corresponding Service Eligibility Determination, Provider Qualifications and Service Criteria. This is not a change to policy, service limitations or requirements, the proposed changes are strictly intended to reorganize the chapter.

Throughout the chapter, grammar, punctuation and capitalization changes were made, duplications removed, acronyms used and standardized, and language reworded for clarity. Renumbering and re-arranging of sections was necessary.

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<b>2502</b>	<b>Target Group Definitions</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503. Section 2502 is replaced with Section 2503 “Policy.”
<b>2502.1</b>	<b>Lead Case Manager</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2502.3. Section 2502.1 is replaced with Section 2503.1 “Case Management Services Policy.”

<b>Manual Section</b>	<b>Section Title</b>	<b>Background and Explanation of Policy Changes, Clarifications and Updates</b>
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2502.3	<b>Target Group – Developmentally Delayed Infants and Toddlers Under Age Three</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503.6. Section 2502.3 is replaced with Section 2502.1 “Lead Case Manager.”
2502.4	<b>Target Group – Juvenile Parole Population</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503.7. Section 2502.4 is replaced with Section 2502.11A “Case Record Documentation.”
2502.5	<b>Target Group – Juvenile Probation Services</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503.8. Section 2502.5 is replaced with Section 2503.1A “Coverage and Limitations.”
2502.6	<b>Target Group – Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Related Conditions</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503.9. Section 2502.6 is replaced with Section 2503.1B “Recipient Responsibilities.”
2502.7	<b>Target Group – Non-Seriously Mentally Ill Adults</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503.1. Section 2502.7 has been replaced with Section 2503.1C “Authorization Process.”
2502.8	<b>Target Group – Seriously Mentally Ill Adults</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503.2. Section 2502.8 is replaced with Section 2502 “Target Group Definitions.” This has been re-titled to “Target Groups.”
2502.9	<b>Target Group – Non-Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children and Adolescents</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503.3. Section 2502.9 has been replaced with Sections 2502.7 and 2503.1A(3) “Target Group – Non-Seriously Mentally Ill Adults.” This target group has been re-titled to “Adults with a Non-Serious Mental Illness.”
2502.10	<b>Target Group – Severe Emotional Disturbance</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2503.4. Section 2502.10 has been replaced with Sections 2502.8 and 2503.1A(4) “Target Group – Seriously Mentally Ill Adults.” This target group has been re-titled to “Adults with a Serious Mental Illness.”

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<b>2502.11</b>	<b>Case Management Services</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2502.2. Section 2502.11 has been replaced with Sections 2502.9 and 2503.1A(5) “Target Group – Non-Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children and Adolescents.” This target group has been re-titled to “Children and Adolescents with a Non-Severe Emotional Disturbance.”
<b>2502.11A</b>	<b>Case Record Documentation</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2502.4. Section 2502.11A has been replaced with Sections 2502.10 and 2503.1A(6) “Target Group – Severe Emotional Disturbance.” This target group has been re-titled to “Target Group – Children and Adolescents with a Severe Emotional Disturbance.”
<b>2503</b>	<b>Policy</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2502. Section 2503 has been replaced with Sections 2502.2 and 2503.1A(11) “Target Group – Child Protective Services.”
<b>2503.1</b>	<b>Case Management Services Policy</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2502.1. Section 2503.1 has been replaced with Sections 2502.3 and 2503.1A(8) “Developmentally Delayed Infants and Toddlers Under Age Three.” This target group has been re-titled to “Infants and Toddlers Developmentally Delayed Under Age Three.”
<b>2503.1A</b>	<b>Coverage and Limitations</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2502.5. Section 2503.1A has been replaced with Sections 2502.4 and 2503.1A(9) “Target Group – Juvenile Parole Population.” This target group has been re-titled to “Juvenile Parole Services.”
<b>2503.1B</b>	<b>Recipient Responsibilities</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2502.5A. Section 2503.1B has been replaced with Sections 2502.5 and 2503.1A(10) “Target Group – Juvenile Probation Services.”
<b>2503.1C</b>	<b>Authorization Process</b>	This section has been moved to renumbered Section 2502.5B. Section 2503.1C has been replaced with Sections 2502.6 and 2503.1A(7) “Target Group – Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Related Conditions.”

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## CASE MANAGEMENT

### 2500 INTRODUCTION

Case Management is an optional Medicaid service pursuant to federal regulations. It may be provided without the use of a waiver and the state may limit the provision of services to a specific target group or defined location in the state. States are allowed to limit the providers of case management services available for individuals with developmental disabilities or chronic mental illness to ensure that these recipients receive needed services. The receipt of case management services does not alter an individual's eligibility to receive other services under the State Plan and recipients must have free choice of any qualified Medicaid provider. A recipient cannot be compelled to receive case management services, services cannot be a condition of receipt of other Medicaid services and other covered services cannot be a condition to receive case management services. Case management services provided in accordance with Section 1915(g) of the Social Security Act (SSA) will not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under State Plan and other program authorities. Case managers cannot authorize, approve or deny the provision of services.

The intent of case management services is to assist recipients eligible under the State Plan in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational, and other support services including housing and transportation needs. Case management services do not include the direct delivery of medical, clinical or other direct services. Components of the service include assessment, care planning, referral/linkage and monitoring/follow-up. Case management services are provided to eligible recipients who are residing in a community setting or transitioning to a community setting following an institutional stay.

There are nine target groups eligible to receive this service. These groups are: (1) children and adolescents who are Non-Severely Emotionally Disturbed (Non-SED) with a mental illness; (2) children and adolescents who are Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED); (3) adults who are Non-Seriously Mentally Ill (Non-SMI) with a mental illness; (4) adults who are Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI); (5) persons with intellectual disabilities or related conditions; (6) developmentally delayed infants and toddlers under age three; (7) Juvenile Parole Population; (8) Juvenile Probation Services (JPS), and (9) Child Protective Services (CPS).

All providers who participate in the Medicaid program must provide services in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy (DHCFP), all policies and procedures described here in Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 2500, as well as state and federal regulations and statutes.

All Medicaid policies and requirements (such as prior authorization, etc.) are the same for Nevada Check Up (NCU), with the exception of the areas where Medicaid and Nevada Check Up policies differ as documented in the Nevada Check Up Manual, Chapter 1000.

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2501 AUTHORITY

A. In 1965, the 89<sup>th</sup> Congress added Title XIX of the SSA authorizing varying percentages of Federal Financial Participation (FFP) to states that elect to offer medical programs. The state must offer the 11 basic required medical services. FFP is also available, should states elect to cover some optional services. One of these optional services is Case Management.

B. Authorities include:

- Section 1905(a)(19) of the SSA
- Section 1915(b) of the SSA
- Section 1915(c) of the SSA
- Section 1915(g) of the SSA
- 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Parts 431, 440 and 441
- 42 CFR 483.430
- Section 60-52 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
- The Supplemental Appropriations Act 2008

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2502 POLICY

2502.1 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES POLICY

2502.2 CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**A.** Case management services are services which assist an individual in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational and other supportive services and must include the following components:

1. Assessment of the eligible individual to determine service needs.
2. Development of a person-centered care plan.
3. Referral and related activities to help the individual obtain needed services.
4. Monitoring and follow-up.

**B.** Case management services involve the following activities to assist the eligible recipient in obtaining needed services:

1. Assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs, to determine the need for any medical, educational, social or other services. The assessment activities include the following:
  - a. Taking client history.
  - b. Identifying the needs of the individual and completing related documentation.
  - c. Gathering information from other sources, such as family members, medical providers, social workers and educators (if necessary) to form a complete assessment of the eligible recipient.
2. Development (and periodic revision) of a specific care plan based on the information collected through the assessment, that includes the following:
  - a. Specifies the goals and actions to address the medical, social, educational and other services needed by the eligible recipient.
  - b. Includes activities such as ensuring the active participation of the eligible recipient and working with the recipient (or the individual's authorized health care decision maker) and others to develop those goals.

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- c. Identifies a course of action to respond to the assessed needs of the eligible recipient.
3. Referral and related activities (such as scheduling appointments for the recipient) to help the eligible individual obtain needed services, including activities that help link the individual with medical, social and educational providers or other programs and services that are capable of providing needed services to address identified needs and achieve goals specified in the care plan.
  4. Monitoring and follow-up; activities include activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure that the care plan is effectively implemented and adequately addresses the needs of the eligible individual and may be with the individual, family members, service provider or other entities or individuals. The monitoring should be conducted as frequently as necessary, and include at least one annual monitoring, to help determine whether the following conditions are met:
    - a. Services are being furnished in accordance with the individual's care plan.
    - b. Services in the care plan are adequate.
    - c. There are changes in the needs or status of the eligible recipient.

Monitoring and follow-up activities include making necessary adjustments in the care plan and service arrangements with providers. Monitoring may involve either face-to-face or telephone contact, at least annually.

### 2502.3 LEAD CASE MANAGER

The Lead Case Manager is only used if a recipient is included in more than one target group at a given time. The Lead Case Manager is a case manager and represents Severely Emotionally Disturbed (SED) children and adolescents or Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) adults. The Lead Case Manager coordinates the recipient's care and services with another case manager. The Lead Case Manager is responsible for coordinating the additional case management services, whether or not, chronologically, the Lead Case Manager was the original or the subsequent case manager.

### 2502.4 CASE RECORD DOCUMENTATION

A case record documentation shall be maintained for each recipient and shall contain the following items:

- A. The name of the individual receiving services, the dates of case management services, the name of the provider agency and person chosen by the recipient to provide services.



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- B. The nature, content and units of case management services received. Units, for documentation purposes, are further defined as actual case management activities performed.
  - 1. If paid per unit, document date, time, number of units and activities completed.
  - 2. If paid per monthly cap rate, document date, time and activities completed.
- C. Whether the goals specified in the care plan have been achieved.
- D. If an individual declines services listed in the care plan, this must be documented in the individual's case record.
- E. Timelines for providing services and reassessment.
- F. The need for and occurrences of coordination with case managers of other programs.

The case manager shall make available to Nevada Medicaid or Medicaid's Quality Improvement Organization (QIO-like vendor), upon request, copies of the medical record, progress notes, care plan, case record or summary documents which reflect the ongoing need for case management services and support any additional services requested.

**2502.5**      **COVERAGE AND LIMITATIONS**

The maximum hours per target group, per calendar month, per recipient, allowed for case management services are identified below. (Maximum hours do not apply to providers who are paid a capitated, per member/per month rate). All service limits may be exceeded with a prior authorization.

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Service Limitation Grid by Target Group

<b>Target Group</b>	<b>Service Limitations</b>
<b>Child Protective Services (CPS)</b>	30 hours, per calendar month, per recipient.
<b>Developmentally Delayed Infants and Toddlers Under Age Three</b>	30 hours, per calendar month, per recipient.
<b>Juvenile Parole Population</b>	30 hours, per calendar month, per recipient.
<b>Juvenile Probation Services (JPS)</b>	30 hours, per calendar month, per recipient.
<b>Persons with Intellectual Disabilities or Related Conditions</b>	30 hours, per calendar month, per recipient.
<b>Non-Seriously Mentally Ill (Non-SMI) Adults</b>	10 hours for initial calendar month, five hours for the next three consecutive calendar months. Services are allowed on a rolling calendar year.
<b>Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Adults</b>	30 hours, per calendar month, per recipient.
<b>Non-Severely Emotionally Disturbed (Non-SED) Children and Adolescents</b>	10 hours for initial calendar month, five hours for the next three consecutive calendar months. Services are allowed on a rolling calendar year.
<b>Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED)</b>	30 hours, per calendar month, per recipient.

A. Case management services are reimbursable when:

1. Provided to Medicaid eligible recipients, on a one-to-one (telephone or face-to-face) basis.
2. Medically necessary.
3. Provided by a qualified provider enrolled to serve the target group in which the recipient belongs.
4. Provided by the recipient's chosen provider.
5. Contacts by the case manager with individuals who are not eligible for Medicaid when the purpose of the contact is directly related to the management of the eligible recipient's care.
6. There are no third parties liable to pay for these services, including as reimbursement under a medical, social, educational or other federally funded program. Third party insurance payments for case management services must be pursued for all recipients.

The provider must determine whether the recipient has other health insurance. Providers may survey health care insurance companies to determine whether case management is a covered benefit. Exception: This is not necessary for Medicare

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since it is not a covered service. If the health care provider covers case management, it must be billed for all recipients for services provided. For Medicaid recipients, the health care insurance company must be billed before Medicaid is billed. Once payment is received, if the other company did not pay the entire cost of services, Medicaid may be billed. If the health care insurance company will not pay for case management services, documentation of this must be maintained in the recipient's case record.

7. The service is not an integral component or administrative service of another covered Medicaid service.
- B. Case management services not reimbursable under the Nevada Medicaid Program include, but are not limited to:
1. The actual or direct provision of medical services or treatment. Examples include, but are not limited to:
    - a. Training in daily living skills;
    - b. Training in work skills and social skills;
    - c. Grooming and other personal services;
    - d. Training in housekeeping, laundry, cooking;
    - e. Transportation services;
    - f. Individual, group or family therapy services;
    - g. Crisis intervention services; and/or
    - h. Diagnostic testing and assessments.
  2. Services which go beyond assisting individuals in gaining access to needed services. Examples include, but are not limited to:
    - a. Paying bills and/or balancing the recipient's checkbook;
    - b. Completing application forms, paper work, evaluations and reports including applying for Medicaid eligibility;
    - c. Escorting or transporting recipients to scheduled medical appointments; and/or

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- d. Providing child care so the recipient can access services.
3. Traveling to and from appointments with recipients.
4. Traveling to and from appointments (without recipients).
5. Case management services provided to recipients between 22 and 64 years of age who are in an Institution for Mental Disease (IMD).
6. Using case management codes for billing, when the recipient does not meet the criteria for the target group.
7. Recipient Outreach – Outreach activities in which a state agency or other provider attempts to contact potential recipients of a service do not constitute case management services.
8. The direct delivery of foster care services and therapeutic foster care services. The following activities are not considered to qualify as components of Medicaid case management services:
  - a. Research gathering and completion of documentation required by the foster care program.
  - b. Assessing adoption placements.
  - c. Recruiting or interviewing potential foster care parents.
  - d. Serving legal papers and attendance at court appearances.
  - e. Home investigations.
  - f. Providing transportation.
  - g. Administering foster care subsidies.
  - h. Making placement arrangements.
  - i. Training, supervision, compensation for foster care parents.
9. If the case manager also provides other services under the plan, the State must ensure that a conflict of interest does not exist that will result in the case manager making self-referrals. Individuals must be free to choose their case management provider

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from among those that have qualified to participate in Medicaid and are willing to provide the service.

10. Services provided as “administrative case management,” including Medicaid eligibility determination, intake processing, preadmission screening for inpatient care, utilization review and prior authorization for Medicaid services are not reimbursable.
11. Administrative functions for recipients under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) such as the development of an Individual Education Plan and the implementation and development of an Individual Family Service Plan for Early Intervention Services are not reimbursable as case management services.

#### **2502.6** RECIPIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Medicaid recipients, their families or legal guardians are required to provide a valid Medicaid eligibility card to their case management service providers.
- B. Medicaid recipients, their families or legal guardians are expected to comply with the recipient’s treatment and care plans.

#### **2502.7** AUTHORIZATION PROCESS

Medicaid recipients are entitled to receive a maximum amount of hours of case management services identified in the Service Limitation Grid, Section 2502.5 per target group, per calendar month, per recipient. (Maximum hours do not apply to providers who are paid a capitated, per member/per month rate).

If the recipient requires more than the allotted hours per month, the case manager must thoroughly document in the recipient’s case record the justification for the additional hours and submit a prior authorization request to the QIO-like vendor.

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**2503 TARGET GROUPS**

**2503.1 TARGET GROUP – ADULTS WITH A NON-SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS (NON-SMI)**

A. Adults, who are Non-SMI, excluding dementia and intellectual disabilities, are recipients 18 years of age and older with significant life stressors and have:

1. A current International Classification of Diseases (ICD) diagnosis from the current Mental, Behavioral, Neurodevelopmental Disorders section including Z-Codes 55-65, R45.850 and R45.851, which does not meet SMI criteria.
2. A Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) score of Level I or II.

B. Service Eligibility

The determination for adults with a Non-SMI is made by a licensed, qualified mental health professional (psychiatrist, psychologist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) or master’s degree psychiatric nurse).

C. Provider Qualifications

Minimum qualification of a case manager providing services for Non-SMI adults are a service coordinator with a bachelor’s degree in a health-related field, Registered Nurse (RN), master’s level professional (LCSW or LMFT), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in mental health, psychologist or mental health professional who works under the direct supervision of a person listed above.

D. Service Criteria

1. Admission Criteria includes:

- a. A current ICD diagnosis from the Mental, Behavioral, Neurodevelopmental Disorders section including Z-Codes 55-65, R45.850 and R45.851, which does not meet SMI criteria (including dementia, intellectual disabilities or primary diagnosis of a substance abuse disorder, unless these co-occur with another mental illness that meets current ICD criteria).
- b. Recipients require assistance in obtaining and coordinating medical, social, educational and other support services.

2. Continuing Stay Criteria:

- a. Continues to meet admission criteria.

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- b. Individualized care plan identifies all medical, social, educational and other support services currently being provided, as well as unmet needs of the recipient.
  - c. Documentation supports progress towards specific case management goals identified in the established care plan with barriers identified and addressed.
3. Discharge/Exclusionary Criteria:
- a. No longer meets Non-SMI determination.
  - b. No longer meets the admission and continuing stay criteria.
  - c. Recipient or family chooses not to participate in the program or is non-compliant.
  - d. Recipient requires inpatient psychiatric hospitalization, IMD or Nursing Facility (NF) placement.
  - e. Has sufficient support system to sustain stability not requiring unnecessary or frequent acute admission.

**2503.2**

**TARGET GROUP — ADULTS WITH A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS (SMI)**

**A.** Adults with an SMI are persons:

- 1. 18 years of age and older;
- 2. Who currently, or at any time during the past year (continuous 12-month period);
  - a. Have had a diagnosable mental, behavioral or emotional disorder that meets the coding and definition criteria specified within the current ICD (excluding substance abuse or addictive disorders, irreversible dementias, as well as intellectual disabilities, unless they co-occur with another SMI that meets current ICD criteria);
  - b. That resulted in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life activities;
- 3. Have a functional impairment addressing the ability to function successfully in several areas such as psychological, social, occupational or educational. It is seen on a hypothetical continuum of mental health illness and is viewed from the individual's perspective within the environmental context. Functional impairment

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is defined as difficulties that substantially interfere with or limit an adult from achieving or maintaining housing, employment, education, relationships or safety.

**B. Service Eligibility Determination**

The determination for adults with a SMI is made by a licensed mental health professional (psychiatrist, psychologist, LCSW, LMFT or master’s degree psychiatric nurse).

**C. Provider Qualifications**

Minimum qualifications of a case manager providing services for SMI adults (which can only be provided by a state agency and its employees or contractors or an organization affiliated with the University of Nevada School of Medicine) are a case manager with a Bachelor’s degree in a health-related field, RN, master’s level professional (LCSW or LMFT), APRN in mental health, psychologist or mental health professional who works under the direct supervision of a person listed above.

**D. Service Criteria**

1. Admission Criteria

Must meet of all the following:

- a. A current ICD diagnosis (excluding Z-Codes, dementia, intellectual disabilities or a primary diagnosis of a substance abuse disorder, unless these co-occur with another mental illness That meets current ICD criteria).
- b. Recipient requires assistance in obtaining and coordinating medical, social, educational and other support services.

2. Continuing Stay Criteria

Must meet all of the following:

- a. Continues to meet admission criteria.
- b. Individualized care plan identifies all medical, social, educational and other support services currently being provided, as well as unmet needs of the recipient.
- c. Documentation supports progress towards specific case management goals identified in the case management care plan and barriers have been identified and addressed.



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d. Treatment plan and goals must be established.

3. Discharge Criteria

Must meet at least one of the following:

- a. No longer meets SMI determination.
- b. No longer meets the admission and continuing stay criteria.
- c. Admission into a psychiatric hospital, IMD or NF.
- d. Recipient or family chooses not to participate in the program or is non-compliant.
- e. Has sufficient support system to sustain stability not requiring unnecessary or frequent acute treatment.

4. Exclusionary Criteria

Must meet at least one of the following:

- a. No longer meets SMI determination.
- b. No longer meets the admission and continuing stay criteria.
- c. Admission into a psychiatric hospital, NF or IMD.
- d. Recipient chooses not to participate in the program or is non-compliant.
- e. Has sufficient support system to sustain stability not requiring unnecessary or frequent acute treatment.

**2503.3 TARGET GROUP — CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH A NON-SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE (NON-SED)**

- A. Children and adolescents, who are Non-SED, excluding dementia and intellectual disabilities, are recipients with significant life stressors and have:
  - 1. A current ICD diagnosis from the Mental, Behavioral, Neurodevelopmental Disorders section which does not meet SED criteria.
  - 2. Z-Codes 55-65, R45.850 and R45.851, as listed in the current ICD Manual which

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does not meet SED criteria.

3. Child and Adolescent Services Intensity Instrument (CASII) Level of 0, 1, 2 or above.

**B. Service Eligibility Determination**

The determination for children and adolescents with a Non-SED is made by a qualified mental health professional (psychiatrist, psychologist, LCSW, LMFT or master's degree psychiatric nurse).

**C. Provider Qualifications**

The minimum qualifications of a case manager providing services for a Non-SED child are a case manager with a bachelor's degree in a health related field, doctorate degree and license in psychology, RN, master's level professional (LCSW or LMFT), APRN in mental health or a mental health professional who works under the direct supervision of a person listed above, and LCSW or LMFT interns that are supervised within the scope of their license.

**2503.4**

**TARGET GROUP — CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH A SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE (SED)**

**A.** Children with a SED are persons up to age 18 who currently or at any time during the past year (continuous 12-month period) have a:

1. Diagnosable mental, behavioral or diagnostic criteria that meet the coding and definition criteria specified in the current ICD. This excludes substance abuse or addictive disorders, irreversible dementias, as well as intellectual disabilities and other related conditions and Z-Codes, unless they co-occur with another SMI that meets current ICD criteria that results in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits the child's role or functioning in family, school or community activities; and
2. These disorders include any disorder from the Mental, Behavioral, Neurodevelopmental Disorders section (including those of biological etiology) listed in current ICD Clinical Modification (CM) equivalent (and subsequent revisions), with the exception of Z-Codes, substance use and developmental disorders, which are excluded unless they co-occur with another diagnosable SED. All of these disorders have episodic, recurrent or persistent features; however, they vary in terms of severity and disabling effects; and

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3. Have a functional impairment defined as difficulties that substantially interfere with or limit a child or adolescent from achieving or maintaining one or more developmentally appropriate social, behavioral, cognitive, communicative or adaptive skills. Functional impairments of episodic, recurrent and continuous duration are included unless they are temporary and expected responses to stressful events in the environment. Children who would have met functional impairment criteria during the referenced year without the benefit of treatment or other support services are included in this definition.

**B. Service Eligibility Determination**

The determination for children and adolescents with a SED is made by a licensed mental health professional (psychiatrist, psychologist, LCSW, LMFT or master's degree psychiatric nurse).

**C. Provider Qualifications**

Minimum qualifications of a case manager providing services for SED children and adolescents (which can only be provided by a state agency or organization affiliated with the University of Nevada School of Medicine) are a case manager with a bachelor's degree in a health-related field, RN, master's level professional (LCSW or LMFT), APRN in mental health, psychologist or mental health professional who works under the direct supervision of a person listed above.

**D. Service Criteria**

1. Admission

Must meet all of the following:

- a. DSM-IV, AXIS I or II, diagnosis (excluding V-Codes, dementia, intellectual disability or a primary diagnosis of a substance abuse disorder, unless they co-occur with another mental illness that meets DSM-IV criteria).
- b. Recipient requires assistance in obtaining and coordinating medical, social, educational and other support services.

2. Continuing Stay Criteria

Must meet all of the following:

- a. Continues to meet admission criteria.

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- b. Individualized care plan identifies all medical, social, educational and other support services currently being provided, as well as unmet needs of the recipient.
- c. Documentation supports progress towards specific case management goals identified in the case management care plan and barriers have been identified and addressed. Treatment plan and goals must be established.

3. Discharge Criteria

Must meet one of the following:

- a. No longer meets SED determination.
- b. No longer meets the admission and continuing stay criteria.
- c. Recipient or family chooses not to participate in the program or is non-compliant.
- d. Requires inpatient psychiatric hospitalization, NF or Residential Treatment Center (RTC) placement.
- e. Has sufficient support system to sustain stability not requiring unnecessary or frequent acute admissions.

4. Exclusionary Criteria

- a. No longer meets SED determination.
- b. No longer meets the admission and continuing stay criteria.
- c. Requires inpatient psychiatric, NF or RTC hospitalization.
- d. Recipient or family chooses not to participate in the program.

E. Transitional Targeted Case Management

- 1. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided to eligible recipients transitioning to a community setting after a period of time in a psychiatric facility or hospital for recipients under the age of 21.
  - a. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided 14 days prior to discharge for an institutional stay.

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- b. Transitional Targeted Case Management activities are coordinated with and are not a duplication of institutional discharge planning services.

**2503.5** TARGET GROUP — CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (CPS)

A. Child Protective Services are:

1. Provided to children and young adults who are Medicaid recipients and abused or neglected or suspected to be at risk thereof as evidenced by being in the care of the Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS), Clark County Department of Family Youth Services or Washoe County Department of Social Services.
2. Provided to families who are abused or neglected or suspected to be at risk thereof as evidenced by being in the care of DCFS, Clark County Department of Family Services or Washoe County Department of Social Services.

B. Provider Qualifications

The organization providing case management services for CPS must meet the following requirements:

1. A minimum of five years' experience of working successfully with children and families in the target population, including a demonstrated capacity to provide all components of case management.
2. A minimum of five years' experience in responding successfully to the needs of children and families in the target population on a countywide 24 hours, seven days a week basis.
3. A minimum of five years' case management experience in accordance and linking community medical, social, educational or other resources needed by the target population on a countywide basis.
4. A minimum of five years working with the target population.
5. A minimum of five years' experience in documenting and maintaining individual case records that is in accordance with all applicable state and federal requirements.
6. A minimum of five years' experience of demonstrated capacity in meeting the case management service needs of the target population.
7. Demonstrated capacity to provide training and supervision to individual case managers, including training pertaining to Medicaid-covered services.

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8. Qualifications of individual case managers:

- a. Bachelor's degree in a related field; or equivalent college and field experience; and
- b. Ability to work in and with legal systems, including the court system; and
- c. Ability to learn state and federal rules, laws and guidelines relating to the target population and to gain knowledge about community resources.

C. Eligibility Determination

Medicaid eligible recipient's status is determined by the County's Department of Social Services CPS.

D. Service Criteria

Medicaid eligible recipient is under the care of the County's Department of Social Services CPS. Scope of services must be in accordance with federal regulations.

E. Transitional Targeted Case Management

1. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided to eligible recipients transitioning to a community setting after a period of time in a psychiatric facility or hospital for recipients under the age of 21.
  - a. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided 180 days prior to discharge for an institutional stay.
  - b. Transitional Targeted Case Management activities are coordinated with and are not a duplication of institutional discharge planning services.

**2503.6** TARGET GROUP - **INFANTS AND TODDLERS** DEVELOPMENTALLY DELAYED UNDER AGE THREE

A. Developmentally delayed infants and toddlers are children ages birth through two years determined eligible for early intervention services through the identification of a developmental delay, a term which means:

1. A child exhibits a minimum of 50% delay of the child's chronological age in any one of the areas listed below or a minimum of 25% delay of the child's chronological age in any two of the areas listed below. Delays for infants less than 36 weeks' gestation shall be calculated according to their adjusted age.

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2. The delay(s) must be defined in one or more of the following areas:
  - a. Cognitive development;
  - b. Physical development, including vision and hearing;
  - c. Communication development;
  - d. Social or emotional development; or
  - e. Adaptive development.
3. Children also are eligible who have a diagnosed physical or mental condition which has a high probability of resulting in developmental delays.
4. Informed clinical opinion must be used in determining eligibility for services as a result of a development delay.

**B. Service Eligibility Determination**

Eligibility is determined by a multidisciplinary team consisting of two early intervention professionals and the parent. Eligibility determination must include the following:

1. Be conducted by personnel trained to utilize appropriate methods and procedures;
2. Be based on informed clinical opinions; and
3. Include the following:
  - a. Review of pertinent records related to the child's current health status and medical history.
  - b. An evaluation of the child's level of functioning in each of the following developmental areas:
    1. Cognitive development.
    2. Physical development, including vision and hearing.
    3. Communication development.
    4. Social or emotional development.

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5. Adaptive development.

- c. An assessment of the unique needs of the child including the identification of services appropriate to meet those needs.

C. Provider Qualifications

Qualifications of a case manager providing services to an infant or toddler with developmental delays in an employee or contractor of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) or one of its qualified Divisions; and

1. An individual with a **m**aster's degree from an accredited college or university in early childhood special education, childhood human growth and development, psychology, counseling, social work or a closely related field; or
2. An individual with a **b**achelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major work in early childhood growth and development, early childhood special education, psychology, counseling, social work or a closely related field, and one year of full-time professional experience in an early integrated preschool program, mental health facility or a clinical setting providing developmental or special education or treatment-oriented services to preschool or school age children with physical or mental disabilities, or emotional or behavioral disorders.

D. Service Criteria

1. Admission Criteria

- a. Medicaid eligible.
- b. Meets criteria addressed in Section 2503.6(A)

2. Continuing Stay Criteria

Continues to meet admission criteria.

3. Discharge Criteria

- a. Does not meet admission criteria.
- b. Child has demonstrated age appropriate skills for six consecutive months.
- c. Child turns age three.



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- d. Meets criteria for admission to an inpatient facility.
- e. Family chooses not to participate in the program or is non-compliant.
- f. Has sufficient support system to sustain stability, not requiring unnecessary or frequent acute admissions.

4. Exclusionary Criteria

- a. Does not meet admission criteria.
- b. Child is age three or older.
- c. Meets criteria for admission to an inpatient facility.
- d. Family chooses not to participate in the program or is non-compliant.

E. Transitional Targeted Case Management

- 1. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided to eligible recipients transitioning to a community setting after a period of time in a psychiatric facility or hospital for recipients under the age of 21.
  - a. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided 180 days prior to discharge for an institutional stay.
  - b. Transitional Targeted Case Management activities are coordinated with and are not a duplication of institutional discharge planning services.

**2503.7** TARGET GROUP – JUVENILE PAROLE **SERVICES**

A. Juvenile Parole Services are:

- 1. Covered services provided to juveniles on parole (referred or under the supervision of juvenile caseworkers) within all counties of Nevada.
- 2. Covered services provided to family member(s) who are Medicaid eligible whose children are on parole.
- 3. At high risk for medical compromise due to one of the following conditions:
  - a. Failure to take advantage of necessary health care services; or

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- b. Non-compliance with their prescribed medical regime; or
  - c. An inability to coordinate multiple medical, social and other services due to the existence of an unstable medical condition in need of stabilization; or
  - d. An inability to understand medical directions because of comprehension barriers; or
  - e. A lack of community support system to assist in appropriate follow-up care at home; or
  - f. Substance abuse; or
  - g. A victim of abuse, neglect or violence; and
4. In need of assistance in accessing necessary medical, social, educational or other services, when comprehensive case management is not being provided elsewhere.

**B. Provider Qualifications**

The organization providing case management services for Juvenile Parole Services must meet the following provider qualification requirements:

1. A minimum of five years' experience of working successfully with children and families in the target population, including a demonstrated capacity to provide all components of case management; and
2. Establish a system to coordinate services for individuals who may be covered under another program which offers components of case management or coordination similar to **Targeted Case Management** including, but not limited to, the coordination of services with Managed Care providers, **DCFS**, as well as State waiver programs; and
3. Demonstrated programmatic and administrative experience in providing comprehensive case management services and the ability to increase their capability to provide their services to the target group; and
4. Must be an agency employing staff with case management qualifications; and
5. Establish referral systems and demonstrated linkages and referral ability with essential social and health service agencies; and

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6. A minimum of five years’ experience in responding successfully to the needs of children and families in the target population on a countywide 24 hours, seven days a week basis; and
7. A minimum of five years’ case management experience in coordinating and linking community medical, social, educational or other resources needed by the target population on a countywide basis; and
8. A minimum of five years’ experience in documenting and maintaining individual case records that is in accordance with all applicable state and federal requirements; and
9. A minimum of five years’ experience of demonstrated capacity in meeting the case management service needs of the target population; and
10. Demonstrated capacity to provide training and supervision to individual case managers, including training pertaining to Medicaid-covered services.
11. Qualifications of individual case manager
  - a. Bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, psychology, social work or a closely related field; or equivalent college and two years of experience in the criminal justice system to include conducting casework services, making program eligibility determinations, investigating offenders, preparing detailed reports for the purposes of justifying criminal sanctions and/or prosecution, or coordinating with law enforcement agencies, the juvenile justice system, community-based placements and related State agencies regarding the preparation of parole agreements, placement, program development, obtaining services and the legal process of assigned youth; and
  - b. Ability to work in and with legal systems, including the court system and law enforcement; and
  - c. Ability to learn state and federal rules, laws and guidelines relating to the target population and to gain knowledge about community resources.

C. Eligibility Determination

Medicaid eligible recipient’s status is determined by the Department of Juvenile Parole.

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D. Service Criteria

Medicaid eligible recipient is under the care of the Department of Juvenile Parole. Services must be in accordance with federal regulations.

E. Transitional Targeted Case Management

1. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided to eligible recipients transitioning to a community setting after a period of time in a psychiatric facility or hospital for recipients under the age of 21.
  - a. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided 180 days prior to discharge for an institutional stay.
  - b. Transitional Targeted Case Management activities are coordinated with and are not a duplication of institutional discharge planning services.

**2503.8** TARGET GROUP — JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES (JPS)

A. Juvenile Probation Services are:

1. Covered services provided to juveniles on probation (referred or under the supervision of juvenile caseworkers) within all counties of Nevada.
2. Covered services provided to family member(s) who are Medicaid eligible whose children are on probation.

B. Provider Qualifications

The organization providing case management services for JPS must meet the following requirements:

1. A minimum of five years' experience of working successfully with children and families in the target population, including a demonstrated capacity to provide all components of case management.
2. A minimum of five years' experience in responding successfully to the needs of children and families in the target population on a countywide 24 hours, seven days a week basis.
3. A minimum of five years' case management experience in coordinating and linking community medical, social, educational or other resources needed by the target population on a countywide basis.

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4. A minimum of five years working with the target population.
5. A minimum of five years' experience in documenting and maintaining individual case records that is in accordance with all applicable state and federal requirements.
6. A minimum of five years' experience of demonstrated capacity in meeting the case management service needs of the target population.
7. Demonstrated capacity to provide training and supervision to individual case managers, including training pertaining to Medicaid-covered services.
8. Qualifications of individual case managers:
  - a. Bachelor's degree in a related field; or equivalent college and field experience; and
  - b. Ability to work in and with legal systems, including the court system; and
  - c. Ability to learn state and federal rules, laws and guidelines relating to the target population and to gain knowledge about community resources.

C. Eligibility Determination

Medicaid eligible recipient's status is determined by the County Department of JPS.

D. Service Criteria

Medicaid eligible recipient is under the care of the County Department of JPS. Scope of coverage services must be in accordance with federal regulations.

E. Transitional Targeted Case Management

1. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided to eligible recipients transitioning to a community setting after a period of time in a psychiatric facility or hospital for recipients under the age of 21.
  - a. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided 180 days prior to discharge for an institutional stay.
  - b. Transitional Targeted Case Management activities are coordinated with and are not a duplication of institutional discharge planning services.

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**2503.9** TARGET GROUP — PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES OR RELATED CONDITIONS

A. Persons with intellectual disabilities or related conditions are persons who:

1. Are significantly sub-average in general intellectual functioning (intelligence quotient (IQ) of 70 or below) with concurrent related limitations in two or more adaptive skill areas, such as communication, self-care, social skills, community use, self-direction, health and safety, functional academics, leisure and work activities.

Persons with related conditions are individuals who have a severe chronic disability. It is manifested before the person reaches age 22 and is likely to continue indefinitely. The disability can be attributable to cerebral palsy, epilepsy or any other condition, other than mental illness, found to be closely related to intellectual disabilities because the condition results in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of an intellectually disabled person and requires treatment or services similar to those required by these persons.

The related condition results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:

- a. Self-care.
- b. Understanding and use of language.
- c. Learning.
- d. Mobility.
- e. Self-direction.
- f. Capacity for independent living.

B. Service Eligibility Determination

The determination is made by a Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP) as defined in 42 CFR 483.430.

C. Provider Qualifications

1. Employee or contractor of the Division of Aging and Disability Services (ADSD) or the DCFS; and

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- a. Bachelor's level social worker licensed to practice in Nevada.
- b. RN licensed in Nevada to practice professional nursing
- c. Disabilities specialist with at least a bachelor's degree in human sciences.
- d. Psychologist licensed to practice in Nevada.
- e. Child development specialist and psychology, nursing or social work caseworker who works under the direct supervision of a person in classes (a) through (d) above.

D. Service Criteria

1. Admission Criteria.

Meets admission criteria as addressed in Section 2503.9(A)

2. Continuing Stay Criteria.

Continues to meet admission criteria.

3. Discharge Criteria.

- a. Does not meet admission criteria.
- b. Recipient or family chooses not to participate in program or is non-compliant.
- c. Admission into a hospital, NF or Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID).
- d. Has sufficient support system to sustain stability not requiring unnecessary or frequent acute admissions.

4. Exclusionary Criteria

- a. Does not meet admission criteria.
- b. Recipient is hospitalized or resides in an ICF/IID.
- c. Admission into a hospital, NF or ICF/IID.

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E. Transitional Targeted Case Management

1. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided to eligible recipients transitioning to a community setting after a period of time in a psychiatric facility or hospital for recipients under the age of 21.
  - a. Transitional Targeted Case Management services are provided 180 days prior to discharge for an institutional stay.
  - b. Transitional Targeted Case Management activities are coordinated with and are not a duplication of institutional discharge planning services.



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Please reference Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) Chapter 3100, Hearings, for hearings procedures.

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