

441—25.7(225C) Non-core services. When a mental health and disability services region chooses to make the following non-core services available, the region shall ensure that such services meet the requirements of this rule.

25.7(1) Prescreening assessments. Prescreening assessments provided by the region or an entity contracting with the region shall meet the following requirements:

a. The prescreening assessment shall be provided in an emergency room or other crisis assessment setting within four hours of an emergency detention of an individual believed to be mentally ill to determine if inpatient psychiatric hospitalization is necessary.

b. The prescreening assessment shall be performed by a licensed physician or mental health professional who shall also provide ongoing consultations while the individual remains in the emergency room or other crisis assessment setting. The services provided by the consulting professional are intended to supplement, but do not replace, the services of the emergency room or other crisis setting staff.

c. The licensed physician or mental health professional shall submit appropriate documentation and reports to the emergency room or other crisis setting and the court as necessary.

d. The region or entity contracting with the region shall ensure the coordination of appropriate levels of care. Coordination may include but is not limited to:

(1) Securing an inpatient psychiatric bed when inpatient psychiatric hospitalization is needed.

(2) Utilizing community-based resources and services such as 23-hour observation and holding, crisis stabilization community-based or residential services, subacute facility-based mental health services or detoxification centers.

(3) Facilitating outpatient treatment appointments when inpatient psychiatric hospitalization is not needed.

25.7(2) Transportation. A service provider that is under contract with a region and transports individuals pursuant to an Iowa Code chapter 229 court order shall meet the following requirements:

a. The transport vehicle shall be secure such that the individual being transported cannot open doors or windows of the vehicle while it is moving.

b. Transportation staff shall complete a minimum of eight hours of training in mental health issues and crisis intervention in the first month of employment. After the initial training, each staff member shall complete a minimum of two hours of training annually.

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