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Policy

It is the policy of Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health Authority (BABHA) that procedures be established to address cancellations and no-shows that are not rescheduled by the individual or family at the time of the cancellation or no-show.

Purpose

This policy and procedure was established to address no-show or missed appointments when the individual or family does not call to reschedule appointments.

Education Applies to
 □ All BABHA Staff ☑ Selected BABHA Staff, as follows: All Clinical Staff and Clinical Management □ All Contracted Providers: □ Policy Only □ Policy and Procedure ☑ Selected Contracted Providers, as follows: Primary Care/Outpatient ☑ Policy Only □ Policy and Procedure □ Other:
Definitions

Procedure

N/A

1. During the Intake Process, individuals and parents/guardians are asked to provide 24-hour notice in case of a cancellation.

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- 2. If an individual does not show up for a scheduled appointment, the primary treating staff member or designee will attempt to re-schedule the appointment one time by telephone. If the individual does not have a telephone, the staff member will send a letter that welcomes and encourages the individual to re-engage in services. The letter will also include a date and time for a new appointment and instructions to call the office if he or she can not attend the rescheduled appointment.
- 3. If an individual does not show up for a second consecutive appointment, the individual will receive a second letter from the primary treating staff member or designee that welcomes and encourages the person to reengage in services. The letter will also ask the individual to contact the office to schedule an appointment. If there is no response to the letter within 14 calendar days of the date of the letter, the individual will be sent an Advanced Notice stating why services are being reduced or terminated. The individual will have 12 calendar days in which to respond to the Advanced Notice.
- 4. Individuals on voluntary status, who are non-responsive to services, who have acute mental illness, are dangerous to self or others, and/or unable to care for themselves will not be discharged from services. In such cases, staff will consult with his/her immediate supervisor to determine if a mental health petition and pickup order should be initiated. In such instances, staff will also be encouraged to go to the individual's home to check on their well being.
- 5. For individuals on deferment status or court order, staff will consult with the treating psychiatrist and/or immediate supervisor to determine if the deferment or court order should be pulled. In either case, the treating psychiatrist will need to be willing to provide expert witness testimony at the individual's hearing at Probate Court.
- 6. If the clinician is making scheduled off-site visits such as to the home, school, etc., and the individual and/or family is not available, the same protocol as outlined above will be followed.
- 7. All attempts to reach the individual, guardian, and/or family by telephone or in person will be documented.

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- 8. After two (2) consecutive cancellations without rescheduling or two (2) no-shows, the discharge process may begin.
- 9. The procedure for sending adequate or advanced notice will be followed prior to discharging an individual or family to services.
- 10. The procedure for completing the transfer/discharge form will be followed according to the agency's Transition, Transfer, and/or Termination of Treatment policy (04:07:05)

Attachments

N/A

Related Forms

Medicaid Advanced Notice (G:/Clinical Services/Master Clinical Files) Non-Medicaid Advance Notice (G:/Clinical Services/Master Clinical Files) Transfer/Discharge Form (EHR)

Related Materials

Transition, Transfer, and/or Termination of Treatment Policy and Procedure (C04-S07-T05)

References/Legal Authority

N/A

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