

Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services Clinical Standards – CALOCUS Assessment

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Disclaimer

- Materials presented today are not comprehensive. This training does not take the place of reading the provider policy and procedure manual. Prior to treatment, all beneficiaries must meet criteria for medical necessity for that service. All information in this presentation pertains to South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Healthy Connections (SCDHHS) Medicaid beneficiaries.

Purpose of the Orientation

- To act as a guide for Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) providers who are learning about SC Medicaid policy and procedures prior to rendering RBHS.

While this presentation is designed to enhance understanding of the Medicaid standards regarding the RBHS Policy Manual, all aspects and policy are not covered in this presentation. Please review the RBHS Manual and the Administrative and Billing Manual.

- To help providers avoid potential Medicaid recoupment.

CALOCUS Assessment

- SCDHHS requires the use of the Child and Adolescent Level of Care Utilization System (CALOCUS) as the standardized pre-admission criteria for all beneficiaries being considered for RBHS Community Support Services (CSS). The assessment must be a face-to-face assessment with the beneficiary.
- The CALOCUS assessment must be administered by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) or a master's level clinical staff with three years of experience.
- All practitioners must have successfully completed training on the CALOCUS assessment and passed a competency test.

CALOCUS Assessment Billing

- The CALOCUS assessments are billed as an encounter.
- One encounter can be reimbursed every six months.
- CALOCUS assessment requires one qualified clinical professional for each beneficiary served.
- In addition to the CALOCUS form itself, the service must be documented on a clinical service note (CSN) with a start time and end time. Additionally, the documentation must meet all SCDHHS requirements for CSNs.

CALOCUS Assessment Location

- CALOCUS assessments must be administered in a setting that is convenient for both the beneficiary and the professional. The setting must provide an adequate therapeutic environment that protects the beneficiary's rights to privacy and confidentiality.
- Excluded settings include Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs), unless prior approved for retro-eligibility, and recreational settings (a place primarily used for play and leisure activities, such as parks and community recreation centers).

