**Information Item G**

**SERVICE DEFINITIONS**

**Adult Mental Health -** SERVICE DEFINITIONS:

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| 1. | | Outreach*.* | Activities provided to reach and link to services individuals who often have difficulty obtaining appropriate behavioral health services due to factors such as acute behavioral symptomatology, economic hardship, homelessness, unfamiliarity with or difficulty in accessing community behavioral health care services and other support services, fear of mental illness, and related factors. This service may be provided in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, jails, streets, shelters, public areas, or wherever the individual is found. |
| 2. | | Hotline  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1)* | A continuously available telephone service that provides information, support, referrals, and screening and intervention that responds to callers 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. |
| 3. | | Screening  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Activities performed by a Qualified Mental Health Professional – Community Services (QMHP-CS) to gather triage information to determine the need for in-depth assessment. The QMHP-CS collects this information through face-to-face or telephone interviews with the individual or collateral. |
| 4. | | Extended Observation  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (2), (3)* | Up to 48 hour emergency and crisis stabilization service that provides emergency stabilization in a secure and protected, clinically staffed (including medical and nursing professionals), psychiatrically supervised treatment environment with immediate access to urgent or emergent medical evaluation and treatment. Individuals are provided appropriate and coordinated transfer to a higher level of care when needed. |
| 5. | | \* Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview Examination  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview Examination. A licensed professional practicing within the scope of his or her license must provide this service and document as described in the most current version of Title 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter G, Section 412.322(b) *Mental Health* (*MH) Community Services Standards.* |
| 6. | | Pre-Admission  Assessment  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Pre-Admission QMHP-CS Assessment – A face-to-face assessment of the individual conducted by a QMHP-CS for the purposes of determining eligibility for services which includes gathering and documenting the information in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter G, Section 412.314(d)(2) and Section 412.322(a)(1)-(10) *MH Community Services Standards.* |
| 7. | | Engagement Activity | Activities with the client or collaterals (in accordance with confidentiality requirements) in order to develop treatment alliance and rapport with the client and includes activities such as enhancing the individual’s motivation, providing an explanation of services recommended, education on service value, education on adherence to the recommended level of care (LOC) and its importance in recovery, and short term planned activities designed to develop a therapeutic alliance and strengthen rapport. This service shall not be provided in a group. |
| 8. | | Continuity of Care Services  This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3), (b); §534.0535 (a) | Continuity of Care Services-- Activities designed to ensure an individual is provided uninterrupted services during a transition between inpatient and outpatient services and that provide assistance to the individual and the individual's LAR in identifying, accessing, and coordinating LMHA or LBHA services and other appropriate services and supports in the community needed by the individual, including:  (A) assisting with admissions and discharges;  (B) facilitating access to appropriate services and supports in the community, including identifying and connecting the individual with community resources, and coordinating the provision of services;  (C) participating in developing and reviewing the individual's recovery or treatment plan;  (D) promoting implementation of the individual's recovery or treatment plan; and  (E) coordinating between the individual and the individual's family, as requested by the individual, as well as the available community resources. |
| 9. | | \* Routine Case Management  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a) (4), (5)* | Primarily site-based services that assist an adult, child or youth, or caregiver in gaining and coordinating access to necessary care and services appropriate to the individual's needs. Routine Case Management activities shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter I, *MH Case Management Services.* Contractor shall not subcontract for the delivery of these services. |
| 10. | | \* Intensive Case Management  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4), (5)* | Activities to assist a young adult and caregiver/LAR in obtaining and coordinating access to necessary care and services appropriate to the individual’s needs. An intervention consisting of management of a mental health problem and the rehabilitation and social support needs of the person concerned, over an indefinite period of time, by a team of people who have a fairly small group of clients . Twenty-four-hour help is offered and clients are seen in a non-clinical setting. Intensive Case Management activities shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter I, *MH Case Management Services.* Contractor shall not subcontract for the delivery of these services. |
| 11. | | \* Counseling  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Individual, family and group therapy focused on the reduction or elimination of a client’s symptoms of mental illness and increasing the individual’s ability to perform activities of daily living. Cognitive-behavioral therapy is the selected treatment model for adult counseling services. Counseling shall be provided by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA), practicing within the scope of his or her own license or by an individual with a master’s degree in a human services field pursuing licensure under the direct supervision of an LPHA, if not billed to Medicaid. This service includes treatment planning to enhance recovery and resiliency. Providers should refer to Information Item A Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training-Based Competency Policy for guidelines regarding who is able to provide CBT and the requirements to do so. |
| 12. | | Peer Support | Activities provided between and among clients who have common issues and needs that are client-motivated, initiated, and/or managed and promote wellness, recovery, and an independent life in the community. Contractor may use General Revenue funding to assist in the delivery of services provided under Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR), or provide outreach through peer facilitated services, e.g., drop in centers, peer counseling, peer support groups, and peer led education groups. This service does not include Mental Health Rehabilitative Services provided by "Peer Providers" or services provided under the new Medicaid benefit “Peer Support”. |
| 13. | | \* Respite Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(2), (4)* | Services provided for temporary, short-term, periodic relief for primary caregivers. Program-based respite services are provided at temporary residential placement outside the client’s usual living situation. Community-based respite services are provided by respite staff at the client’s usual living situation. Respite includes both planned respite and crisis respite to assist in resolving a crisis situation. |
|  | | | MEDICATION SERVICES |  |
| 14. | \* Supplemental Nursing Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | | A service provided to a client by a licensed nurse or other qualified and properly trained personnel working under the supervision and delegation of a physician or Registered Nurse (RN), as provided by state law, to ensure the direct application of a psychoactive medication to the client’s body by any means (including handing the client a single dose of medication to be taken orally), and to assess target symptoms, side effects and adverse effects, potential toxicity, and the impact of psychoactive medication for the client and family. This service includes such activities as checking a client’s vital signs, refilling pill packs, monitoring self-administration of medications, pill pack counts, conducting lab draws, and evaluating the severity of side effects during a home visit. This service does not include physician services, nursing services incidental to physician services, case management, or the rehabilitative services of "psychiatric nursing services" or "medication related services." This service may be provided in a clinic setting, client home, or other community setting. |
| 15. | \* Pharmacological Management  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | | A service provided by a physician or other prescribing professional which focuses on the use of medication and the in-depth management of psychopharmacological agents to treat a client's signs and symptoms of mental illness. |
| 16. | \* Provision of Medication  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | | Ensuring the provision of psychoactive medication benefits to clients registered in the Client Admission and Registration system (CARE), who have no source of funds for such, as determined to be medically necessary and as prescribed by an authorized provider of Contractor. |

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|  |  | REHABILITATIVE SERVICES |
| 17. | \* Crisis Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (2), (3), (5)* | Interventions in response to a crisis in order to reduce symptoms of severe and persistent mental illness or emotional disturbance and to prevent admission of an individual or client to a more restrictive environment. Shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 416, Subchapter A, *MH Rehabilitative Services, Rule §416.7*. The provision of Crisis Intervention Services to collaterals is limited to the coordination of emergency care services as defined, and outlined in the provision of crisis services within 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter G, Division 3, *MH Community Standards.* |
| 18. | \* Medication Training and Support  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | Education and guidance about medications and their possible side effects as described in 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 416, Subchapter A *MH Rehabilitative Services*, Rule *§*416.8, *,* provided to consumers and family members*.* Guidelines available from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (located at <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/index.shtml>), SAMHSA’s Illness Management and Recovery Evidence-Based Practices KIT, or alternative guidelines approved by System Agency and posted on the HHSC website, on a schedule determined by System Agency, can be used to satisfy this requirement. |
| 19. | \* Psychosocial Rehabilitative Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (3), (5)* | Social, educational, vocational, behavioral, and cognitive interventions provided by members of a client’s therapeutic team that address deficits in the individual’s ability to develop and maintain social relationships, occupational or educational achievement, independent living skills, and housing, that are a result of a severe and persistent mental illness. This service includes treatment planning to facilitate recovery. Shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 416, Subchapter A, *Mental Health Rehabilitative Services.* |
| 20. | \* Skills Training and Development Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (5)* | Training provided to a client that addresses the severe and persistent mental illness and symptom-related problems that interfere with the individual’s functioning, provides opportunities for the individual to acquire and improve skills needed to function as appropriately and independently as possible in the community, and facilitates the individual’s community integration and increases his or her community tenure. This service may address skill deficits in vocational and housing. Shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 416, Subchapter A *Mental Health Rehabilitative Services,* Rule *§*416.10. |
| 21. | \* Day Programs for Acute Needs  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a) (1) (3), (5)* | Day programs for acute needs provide short-term, intensive treatment to an individual who requires multidisciplinary treatment in order to stabilize acute psychiatric symptoms or prevent admission to a more restrictive setting. Shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 419, Subchapter L, *MH Rehabilitative Services.* |
|  |  | SPECIALIZED SERVICES |
| 22. | \*Flexible Funds  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4), (5)* | Funds utilized for clinical or non-clinical supports, justified in the treatment plan, to assist clients in developing and maintaining healthy community integration.  These supports must also be directly related to the individual's mental illness and recovery process.  Non-Clinical Supports - Services for assisting individuals to facilitate and support independent living, which are directly related to the individual’s mental illness and recovery process. Services include, but are not limited to:  assistance with rent and utility deposits, initial rent/utilities or temporary rental/utilities assistance, housewares, or other necessities.  Clinical Supports - An array of specialized services in the community that the Local Mental Health Authority does not provide which would assist the individual in his/her treatment.  Examples include, but are not limited to:  residential COPS-D or detox services, or medical/dental assistance related to the individual's behavioral health disorder. |
| 23. | \* Supported Employment  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3), (5)* | Services designed to help individuals who are seeking mental health recovery supports with employment stability and individualized assistance in choosing and obtaining competitive employment in regular community jobs. This includes activities such as matching an individual to a job that aligns with their preferences and strengths, symptom-management and coping skills, assisting with job applications and interview preparations, building employer relationships through job development\*, rapid job search\*, benefits counseling, and time-unlimited support\*. Concurrent rehabilitative training should be identified as a separate encounter with the appropriate rehabilitative service code.  \*Job development is an activity essential to providing evidence-based supported employment. It is a systematic approach by the employment specialist that focuses on developing relationships with potential employers in an effort to find job matches for clients. It includes advocating with employers, employer negotiations and other networking activities. Job development may count as a collateral contact only when:   1. a contractor has a dedicated employment specialist\*\* who is providing the job development service and; 2. the job development contact is focused on a specific consumer   \*Rapid job search helps clients seek employment directly and assisting with learning job specific skills rather than pre-employment assessment and training.  \*Time-unlimited support encompasses follow-along supports that are individualized and continued for as long as the client wants or needs it to assist them in becoming as independent as possible in their employment.  \*\*For the purposes of this document, a dedicated employment specialist is someone who spends 90% of their time providing supported employment services. |
| 24. | \* Supportive Housing  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Activities to assist clients in choosing, obtaining, and maintaining regular, integrated housing. Services consist of individualized assistance in finding and moving into habitable, regular, integrated (i.e., no more than 50 percent of the units may be occupied by clients with serious mental illness), and affordable housing. Includes:  Housing Assistance - Funds for rental assistance (unless the Contractor has and documents evidence that housing is affordable for people on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or that rental assistance funds are guaranteed from another source). To receive rental assistance, clients must be willing to make application for Section 8/Public Housing or have a plan to increase personal income so housing will become affordable without assistance. Housing assistance without services and supports cannot be counted as supportive housing.  Services and Supports - Assistance in locating, moving into and maintaining regular integrated housing that is habitable. This service includes treatment planning to facilitate recovery. While activities that fall under “services and supports” cannot be billed as rehabilitative services, concurrent rehabilitative training should be identified as a separate encounter with the appropriate rehabilitative service code. |
| 25. | \*Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)  *This service model satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3), (4) (5)* | ACT is a team-based program that provides treatment, rehabilitation and support services to clients who have a history of multiple hospitalizations (two or more in 180 days or four or more in two years) or at least one hospitalization of greater than 30 days duration in the last two years. Clients identified as needing ACT services shall be prioritized for supportive housing, supported employment, and co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorder (COPSD) services as needed. ACT uses an integrated services approach merging clinical and rehabilitation staff expertise (e.g., psychiatric, substance abuse, vocational/employment, supportive housing) within one mobile service delivery system. Accordingly, there will be minimal referral of clients to other programs for treatment, rehabilitation, and support services. Limited use of group activities designed to reduce social isolation, or address substance use/abuse issues is also acceptable as part of ACT. |
|  |  | RESIDENTIAL SERVICES |
| 26. | \* Inpatient Hospital Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (2)* | Hospital services staffed with medical and nursing professionals who provide 24 hour professional monitoring, supervision, and assistance in an environment designed to provide safety and security during acute psychiatric crisis. Staff provides intensive interventions designed to relieve acute psychiatric symptomatology and restore patient's ability to function in a less restrictive setting. The hospital shall be contracting with or operated by Contractor. |
| 27. | \* Crisis Stabilization Unit  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (2)* | Short-term residential treatment designed to reduce acute symptoms of mental illness provided in a secure and protected clinically staffed, psychiatrically supervised, treatment environment that is licensed under and complies with a crisis stabilization unit licensed under Chapter 577 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and Title 25, TAC, Part 1, Chapter 411, Subchapter M (relating to Standards of Care and Treatment in Crisis Stabilization Units). |
| 28. | \* Crisis Residential Treatment  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (2), (4)* | Short-term, community-based residential treatment to persons with some risk of harm or who may have fairly severe functional impairment who require direct supervision and care but do not require hospitalization. |
| 29. | \* Residential Treatment | Twenty-four hour specialized living environments. Includes administration of medications, room and board, and all daily living needs. Adult Foster Care, Personal Care Homes, and Assisted Living Facilities are included in this category. |
|  |  | CRISIS SERVICES |
| 30. | \* Crisis Flexible Benefits | Non-clinical supports that reduce the crisis situation, reduce symptomatology and enhance an individual’s ability to remain in the home or community. Benefits in adult mental health services include spot rental, partial rental subsidies, respite, utilities, emergency food, housewares, clothing, transportation assistance, and residential services. |
| 31. | \* Safety Monitoring | Ongoing observation of an individual to ensure the individual’s safety. An appropriate staff person must be continuously present in the individual’s immediate vicinity, provide ongoing monitoring of the individual’s mental and physical status, and ensure rapid response to indications of a need for assistance or intervention. Safety monitoring includes maintaining continuous visual contact with frequent face-to-face contacts as needed. |
| 32. | \* Crisis Follow-Up and Relapse Prevention  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | A service provided to or on behalf of individuals who are not in imminent danger of harm to self or others but require additional assistance to avoid recurrence of the crisis event. The service is provided to ameliorate the situation that gave rise to the crisis event, ensure stability, and prevent future crisis events. |
| 33. | \* Crisis Transportation | Transporting individuals receiving crisis services or Crisis Follow-up and Relapse Prevention services from one location to another. Transportation is provided in accordance with state laws and regulations by law enforcement personnel, or, when appropriate, by ambulance or qualified staff. |

**Children’s Mental Health -** SERVICE DEFINITIONS:

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| 1. | | Outreach | Activities provided to reach and to link services to individuals who often have difficulty obtaining appropriate behavioral health services due to factors such as acute behavioral symptomatology, economic hardship, homelessness, unfamiliarity with or difficulty in accessing community behavioral health care services and other support services, fear of mental illness, and related factors. This service may be provided in a variety of settings, including homes, schools, jails, streets, shelters, public areas, or wherever the individual and their family are found. |
| 2. | | Hotline  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1)* | A continuously available telephone service that provides information, support, referrals, screening and intervention that responds to callers 24 hours per day, 7 days per week as described in. the most current version of 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter G |
| 3. | | Screening  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Activities performed by a Qualified Mental Health Professional – Community Services (QMHP-CS) to gather triage information to determine the need for in-depth assessment. The QMHP-CS collects this information through face-to-face or telephone interviews with the individual, caregiver, or collateral. The service includes screenings to determine if the individual’s need is emergent, urgent, or routine (which is conducted prior to the face-to-face assessment to determine the need for emergency services). |
| 4. | | Extended Observation  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (2), (3)* | Up to 48 hour emergency and crisis stabilization service that provides emergency stabilization in a secure and protected, clinically staffed (including medical and nursing professionals), psychiatrically supervised treatment environment with immediate access to urgent or emergent medical evaluation and treatment. Individuals are provided appropriate and coordinated transfer to a higher level of care when needed. |
| 5. | | \* Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview Examination  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Psychiatric Diagnostic Interview Examination provided by a licensed professional practicing within the scope of their license must provide this service and document as described in the most current version of Title 25 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Part 1, 412, Subchapter G, Section 412.315(a)(5) *MH Community Services Standards.* |
| 6. | | Pre-Admission  Assessment  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Pre-Admission QMHP-CS Assessment – A face-to-face assessment of the individual conducted by a QMHP-CS for the purposes of determining eligibility for services which includes gathering and documenting the information described in the most current version of 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter G, Section 412.314(d)(2) and Section 412.322(a)(1)-(10) *MH Community Services Standards.* |
| 7. | | Engagement Activity | Short term planned activities with the child/youth, caregiver and/or legally authorized representative (LAR) to develop treatment alliance and rapport with the child/youth, caregiver and/or LAR. Activities include but are not limited to: enhancing the child/youth and/or caregiver/LAR’s motivation to participate in services; explaining recommended services; and providing education regarding value of services, adherence to the recommended level of care and its importance in recovery. This service shall not be provided in a group, and shall be provided in accordance with confidentiality requirements. |
| 8. | | \*Continuity of Services  This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3), (b); §534.0535 (a) | Continuity of services -Activities that are designed to ensure uninterrupted services are provided to an individual during a transition between inpatient and outpatient services, and other transition points in  mental healthcare, that provide assistance to the individual and the individual's LAR in identifying, accessing, and coordinating LMHA or LBHA services and other appropriate services and supports in the community that are needed by the individual, including:  (A) assisting with admissions and discharges;  (B) facilitating access to appropriate services and supports in the community, including identifying and connecting the individual with community resources, and coordinating the provision of services;  (C) participating in the individual's recovery or treatment plan development and reviews;  (D) promoting implementation of the individual's recovery or treatment plan; and  (E) coordinating between the individual and the individual's family, as requested by the individual, as well as the available community resources. |
| 9. | | \* Routine Case Management  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3), (4), (5)* | Primarily site-based services that assist a child/youth, or caregiver/LAR in obtaining and coordinating access to necessary care and services appropriate to the individual's needs. Routine Case Management activities shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter I, *MH Case Management Services.* Contractor shall not subcontract for the delivery of these services. |
| 10. | | \* Intensive Case Management  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a) (4), (5)* | Activities to assist a child/youth and caregiver/LAR in obtaining and coordinating access to necessary care and services appropriate to the individual’s needs. Intensive Case Management activities shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter I, *MH Case Management Services.* Contractor shall not subcontract for the delivery of these services. |
| 11. | | \*Supported Education  This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3), (5 ) | Activities to help people pursue their individual educational goals. Includes a wide range of education options ranging from General Educational Development (GED) to postsecondary education. Offered in tandem with Supported Employment, in developing a sense of self efficacy and independence. Supported Education promotes career development to improve long-term work opportunities.  Career planning including vocational assessment, career exploration, development of an educational plan, course selection, instruction, support, and counseling; Academic survival skills, linking and coordination of college and training programs, disability rights and resources, tutoring and mentoring services, time and stress management, and social supports;  Direct assistance including help with enrollment, financial aid, education debt, and contingency funds; and Outreach including contacts with campus resources, mental health treatment team members and other agencies such as Vocational Rehabilitation. |
| 12. | | \* Counseling  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | Individual, family, and group therapy focused on the reduction or elimination of a child/youth’s symptoms of serious emotional disturbance and increasing the individual’s ability to perform activities of daily living. Counseling services include treatment planning to enhance recovery and resiliency. All counseling services shall be provided by a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA), practicing within the scope of his or her own license or by an individual with a master’s degree in a human services field pursuing licensure under the direct supervision of an LPHA, if not billed to Medicaid.  Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) is the selected treatment model for Children’s Mental Health (CMH) counseling services. Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) is the approved counseling treatment model for children/youth with trauma disorders or children/youth whose functioning or behavior is affected by their history of traumatic events. HHSC approved CBT protocols for treating children/youth for depression and anxiety are outlined in the Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR) Utilization Management (UM) Guidelines. Providers should refer to Information Item A CBT Competency Policy for guidelines regarding who is able to provide CBT and the requirements to do so.  Additional models of counseling available to children ages 3-7 include Parent-Child Psychotherapy (Dyad Therapy) and Play Therapy. These models must be used as outlined in the TRR UM Guidelines. Other counseling treatment models allowed by HHSC can be found in Information Item A. |
| 13. | | \* Respite Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a) (2),(4)* | Services provided for temporary, short-term, periodic relief for primary caregivers. Program-based respite services are provided at temporary residential placement outside the child/youth’s usual living situation. Community-based respite services are provided by respite staff at the child/youth’s usual living situation. Respite includes both planned respite and crisis respite to assist in resolving a crisis situation. |
|  | |  | MEDICATION SERVICES |
| 14. | | \* Supplemental Nursing Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | A service provided to an individual by a licensed nurse or other qualified and properly trained personnel working under the supervision and delegation of a physician or registered nurse (RN), as provided by state law, to ensure the direct application of a psychoactive medication to the individual’s body by any means (including handing the individual a single dose of medication to be taken orally), and to assess target symptoms, side effects and adverse effects, potential toxicity, and the impact of psychoactive medication for the client and family. This service includes such activities as checking an individual’s vital signs, refilling pill packs, monitoring self-administration of medications, pill pack counts, conducting lab draws, and evaluating the severity of side effects during a home visit. This service does not include physician services, nursing services incidental to physician services, case management, or the rehabilitative services of “psychiatric nursing services” or “medication related services.” This service may be provided in a clinic setting, individual home, or other community setting. |
| 15. | | \* Pharmacological Management  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4),* | A service provided by a physician or other prescribing professional which focuses on the use of medication and the in-depth management of psychopharmacological agents to treat a client's signs and symptoms of mental illness which is defined, and outlined in the provision of services within 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter G, Division 3. |
| 16. | | \* Provision of Medication  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | Ensuring the provision of psychoactive medication benefits to individuals registered in the Client Assignment and Registration System (CARE), who have no source of funds for such, as determined to be medically necessary and as prescribed by an authorized representative of Contractor. This is defined, and outlined in the provision of services within 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter G, Division 3 |
|  | |  | REHABILITATIVE SERVICES |
| 17. | | \* Crisis Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1),(2), (3), (5)* | Interventions in response to a crisis in order to reduce symptoms of serious emotional disturbance and to prevent admission of an individual to a more restrictive environment. Crisis Intervention services shall be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 416, Subchapter A, *MH Rehabilitative Services, Rule §416.7*. The provision of Crisis Intervention Services to collaterals is limited to the coordination of emergency care services as defined, and outlined in the provision of crisis services within 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 412, Subchapter G, Division 3, *MH Community Standards.* |
| 18. | | \* Medication Training and Support  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | Education and guidance about medications and their possible side effects as described in 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 416, Subchapter A *MH Rehabilitative Services*, Rule *§*416.8, *,* provided to children, youths, and caregivers and/or LAR*.* Guidelines available from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) (located at http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/index.shtml), SAMHSA’s Illness Management and Recovery Evidence-Based Practices KIT, or alternative guidelines approved by System Agency and posted on the HHSC website, on a schedule determined by System Agency, can be used to satisfy this requirement. |
| 19. | | \* Skills Training and Development Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (5)* | Training provided to an individual and/or the primary caregiver or legally authorized representative (LAR) that addresses the serious emotional disturbance and symptom-related problems that interfere with the individual’s functioning, provides opportunities for the individual to acquire and improve skills needed to function as appropriately and independently as possible in the community, and facilitates the individual’s community integration and increases his or her community tenure. For transition age youth, skills training and development may also include supported employment and supportive housing services delivered as defined above for Adult Mental Health Services. Must be provided in accordance with 25 TAC, Part 1, Chapter 416, Subchapter A *MH Rehabilitative Services,* Rule *§*416.10. |
|  | | | SPECIALIZED SERVICES |
| 20. | \* Family Case Management  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3), (4)* | Activities to assist the individual’s family members in accessing and coordinating necessary care and services appropriate to the family members’ needs. The need for Family Case Management shall be documented in the individual’s Case Management Plan. |
| 21. | \* Family Training  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | Training provided to the individual’s primary caregivers to assist the caregivers in coping and managing with the individual’s emotional disturbance. This includes instruction on basic parenting skills and other forms of guidance that cannot be considered rehabilitative skills training. Concurrent rehabilitative training should be identified as a separate encounter with the appropriate rehabilitative service code. |
| 22. | \* Family Partner Supports  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | Peer mentoring and support provided by Certified Family Partners (or Family Partners awaiting certification within the first year of hire) to the primary caregivers of a child who is receiving mental health community services. This may include introducing the family to the treatment process; modeling self-advocacy skills; providing information, making referrals; providing non-clinical skills training; assisting in the identification of natural/informal and formal community supports. Family Partners/Certified Family Partners are the parent or LAR of a child or youth with a serious emotional disturbanceand have at least one year of experience navigating a child-serving system (e.g. mental health, juvenile justice, social security, special education) as the LAR to that child or youth. (TAC  Title 25 Part 1 Chapter 412 Subchapter G Division 1). Contractor may use General Revenue funding to assist in the delivery of services provided under Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR). This service does not include Mental Health Rehabilitative Services provided by Certified Family Partners. |
| 23. | Youth Peer Support | Activities provided between and among clients who have common issues and needs that are client-motivated, initiated, and/or managed and promote wellness, recovery, and an independent life in the community. Contractor may use General Revenue funding to assist in the delivery of services provided under Texas Resilience and Recovery (TRR), or provide outreach through peer facilitated services, e.g., drop in centers, peer counseling, peer support groups, and peer led education groups. This service does not include Mental Health Rehabilitative Services provided by "Peer Providers." ” or services provided under the new Medicaid benefit “Peer Support”. |
| 24. | \* Parent Support Group  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(4)* | Routinely scheduled support and informational meetings for the individual’s primary caregivers. |
| 25. | \* Flexible Funds  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a) (3), (4)* | Funds utilized for non-clinical supports that augment the service plan to reduce symptomatology and maintain quality of life and family integration. Non-clinical supports shall be:   1. Included as strategies in the individual’s Case Management Plan; 2. Based on the preference of the child/youth and caregiver and focus on the outcomes they choose; 3. Monitored for effectiveness by the Case Manager and adjusted based on effectiveness; 4. Available through General Revenue (GR) funding; and 5. Not readily available through other sources (e.g., other agencies, volunteers)   Community supports that may be purchased through Flexible Funds include but are not limited to: tutors, family aides, specialized camps, therapeutic child-oriented activities, temporary child care, temporary kinship care, initial job development and placement activities, initial independent living support, transportation services, short-term counseling for family members who do not meet the child or adult priority population definitions. Authorization of flexible funds should be provided in a timely manner. In cases of emergencies, Flexible Funds should be available within 24 hours of a request by the family. |
|  | | RESIDENTIAL SERVICES |  |
| 26. | \* Inpatient Hospital Services  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (2)* | Hospital services staffed with medical and nursing professionals who provide 24-hour professional monitoring, supervision, and assistance in an environment designed to provide safety and security during acute psychiatric crisis. Staff provides intensive interventions designed to relieve acute psychiatric symptomatology and restore the individual’s ability to function in a less restrictive setting. The hospital shall be contracting with or operated by Contractor. |
| 27. | \* Children’s Crisis Residential Treatment  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(1), (2)* | Twenty-four hour, usually short-term residential services provided to an individual demonstrating a psychiatric crisis that cannot be stabilized in a less restrictive setting. This service may use crisis beds in a residential treatment center or crisis respite beds. |
|  |  | CRISIS SERVICES |
| 28. | \* Crisis Flexible Benefits | Non-clinical supports that reduce the crisis situation, reduce symptomatology, and enhance the ability of the child/youth to remain in the home. Examples in children’s mental health services include home safety modifications, child care to allow the family to participate in treatment activities, and transportation assistance. |
| 29. | \* Safety Monitoring | Ongoing observation of an individual to ensure the individual’s safety. An appropriate staff person shall be continuously present in the individual’s immediate vicinity, provide ongoing monitoring of the individual’s mental and physical status, and ensure rapid response to indications of a need for assistance or intervention. Safety monitoring includes maintaining continuous visual contact with frequent face-to-face contacts as needed. |
| 30. | \* Crisis Follow-Up and Relapse Prevention  *This service satisfies the requirements of Title 7 of the Texas Health and Safety Code §534.053(a)(3)* | A service provided to or on behalf of individuals who are not in imminent danger of harm to self or others but require additional assistance to avoid recurrence of the crisis event. The service is provided to ameliorate the situation that gave rise to the crisis event, ensure stability, and prevent future crisis events. |
| 31. | \* Crisis Transportation | Transporting individuals receiving crisis services or Crisis Follow-up and Relapse Prevention services from one location to another. Transportation is provided in accordance with state laws and regulations by law enforcement personnel, or, when appropriate, by ambulance or qualified staff. |

\* Note: Contractor shall establish a reasonable standard charge for each service containing an asterisk (i.e., \*) above.