

CHAPTER 11
SECTION 11.8

PSYCHIATRIC PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION PROGRAM CERTIFICATION PROCESS

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I. ISSUE

Process for Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Program Certification

II. DESCRIPTION

A psychiatric partial hospitalization program is a treatment setting capable of providing an interdisciplinary program of medical therapeutic services at least 3 hours per day, 5 days per week, which may embrace day, evening, night and weekend treatment programs which employ an integrated, comprehensive and complementary schedule of recognized treatment approaches. Partial hospitalization is a time-limited, ambulatory, active treatment program that offers therapeutically intensive, coordinated, and structured clinical services within a stable therapeutic environment. Partial hospitalization is an appropriate setting for crisis stabilization, treatment of partially stabilized mental health disorders, and a transition from an inpatient program when medically necessary to avoid a serious deterioration in functioning. Such programs must enter into a participation agreement, and be accredited and in substantial compliance with the Mental Health Manual (formerly referred to as the Consolidated Standards) of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

III. POLICY

A. The mental health review contractor has been delegated the responsibility to enter into the participation agreement with the psychiatric partial hospitalization program.

B. Programs must fully comply, be certified and enter into a participation agreement as outlined in [32 CFR 199.6\(b\)\(4\)\(xii\)](#). Programs must obtain the required preauthorization prior to admitting patients. Applications may be obtained from the mental health review contractor.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Application. A complete application for certification as an authorized psychiatric partial hospitalization program consists of an application and agreement signed and dated by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the program.

B. Related Issuances.

1. **Chapter 1, Section 12.1G**, Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Programs - Preauthorization And Day Limits.
2. **Chapter 10, Section 1.6**, Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Program Certification Standards.
3. **Chapter 13, Section 6.7**, Psychiatric Partial Hospitalization Program Reimbursement.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE September 29, 1993

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