

## 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 (PHPs) 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.

### III. POLICY

A. PHPs 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).

B. 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.

IV. EFFECTIVE DATE           September 29, 1993.

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