State: Connecticut

AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED
CATEGORICALLY NEEDY GROUP(S): ALL

(IFSP)

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5. **Mental health rehabilitation services for adults delivered in Private Non-Medical Institutions.**

   **Service definition:** Private non-profit mental health residential group homes of 16 beds or less designed to assist individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness to achieve their highest degree of independent functioning and recovery. Access to mental health group home rehabilitative services is provided to those recipients whose mental illness is so serious and disabling as to require care in a group home setting. The clients will be sufficiently stable that they can function outside of a 24-hour medically managed setting and participate in community-based treatment services. However, these clients will have functional disabilities secondary to serious and persistent mental illness and such disabilities will be so great as to require that these clients reside in a non-medical residential setting with rehabilitative services and supports. Necessary rehabilitative services are provided by the group home to individuals who have significant skill deficits in the areas of self-care and independent living as a result of their psychiatric disability and who require a non-hospital, twenty four hour, seven day per week, supervised community–based residence. A written plan of care or initial assessment of the need for services is recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts. Rehabilitative services are provided in a structured recovery environment, with on-site staffing twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Rehabilitative services include the following: individual, family and group counseling; behavior management training and intervention; supportive counseling directed at solving daily problems related to community living and interpersonal relationships; psycho-educational groups pertaining to the alleviation and management of psychiatric disorders; teaching, coaching and assisting...
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Provider Qualifications: Participating provider facilities must be licensed by the Department of Public Health to provide residential services for individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness and must be certified by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services or its agent. The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services’ facility certification will assure that the facility provides the necessary level of supervision and oversight of the non-licensed mental health counselor staff responsible for the provision of direct rehabilitative services. The facility director will hold a bachelors degree in a human service discipline and a minimum of three years of experience in a mental health services related position. The facility director (or other manager) will be accessible after-hours by telephone or pager to staff on duty. Direct service staff will hold either a bachelor’s degree in a behavioral health related specialty or have two years experience in the provision of mental health services. All group home staff will be certified in First Aid and CPR. As a condition of certification, all facilities will be required to provide an initial orientation, training and periodic supervision to direct service staff related to the provision of rehabilitative services. A licensed clinician will provide the staff supervision and oversee the formulation of client service plans as evidenced by the clinician's signature on the plan. The clinician will be employed or contracted by the facility provider.

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