

HPR V Reinvestment Project

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) (07/20/2006)

Question or Issue:

What is needed in a Prescreening Addendum? When is one needed?

Precedence (when applicable):

Code of Virginia § 37.2-805. Voluntary admission:

Any state facility shall admit any person requesting admission who has been (i) screened by the community services board or behavioral health authority that serves the city or county where the person resides or, if impractical, where the person is located, (ii) examined by a physician on the staff of the state facility, and (iii) deemed by the board or authority and the state facility physician to be in need of treatment, training, or habilitation in a state facility.

Procedures for Continuity of Care:

2.8 All admissions shall be processed in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions.

2.9 If the prescreening evaluation indicates that hospitalization is required, the clinician shall determine whether the individual is willing to be admitted voluntarily and whether the individual has the capacity to consent to voluntary hospitalization.

ESH policy #LD 050-12:

An admission is inappropriate when "persons referred for voluntary admission refuse admission."

Guidance or Actions:

Before Voluntary or Voluntarily Committed clients can be transferred to Eastern State Hospital, a Prescreening Addendum has to be submitted to the Admissions Office. The Addendum is a progress note written by a Certified Prescriber that provides updated prescreening information.

Two areas that must be addressed in the Addendum:

1. An attestation to the client being competent to consent to treatment at ESH.
2. Documentation that the client agrees to treatment at ESH and will fully consent to admission upon arrival.

Addendums are NOT needed for Involuntarily Committed clients, however a current prescreening is required.

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