



Part 580 Operation of Psychiatric Inpatient Units of General Hospitals

580.1 Background and intent.

(a) This Part is intended to promote the application of the most effective methods, including the use of evidence-based practices, to assist persons diagnosed with mental illness achieve maximum ~~[self-sufficiency]~~recovery while assuring their safety and general well-being.

(b) The Mental Hygiene Law requires certification by the Commissioner of Mental Health for the operation of any part of a general hospital for the purpose of providing, on a residential (*i.e.*, inpatient) basis, examination, diagnosis, care, treatment, rehabilitation or training to anyone with a disorder or disturbance in behavior, feeling, thinking or judgment so severe as to require care and treatment for mental illness. Such a facility may range in scale from a single ward or designated floor to an entire wing or nearby complex of buildings operated as part of a general hospital as defined in article 28 of the Public Health Law.

(1) Persons with mental illness may require medical or surgical treatment for conditions other than, and not necessarily related to, mental illness. This Part is not intended to apply to parts of general hospitals which admit patients with mental illness only incidentally to their primary purposes or which provide intensive specialized medical or surgical treatment to patients with mental illness necessitated by events such as attempted suicide.

(2) Persons with mental illness may require immediate care and treatment in an emergency at a general hospital which does not regularly operate a psychiatric inpatient unit. This Part is not intended to inhibit the provision of emergency psychiatric services in such circumstances.

(3) A general hospital operating a ward, wing or unit for the provision of inpatient psychiatric services ~~[must]~~ shall have the prior approval and certification of the commissioner pursuant to Part 551 of this Part. Inpatient psychiatric services that are otherwise provided by general hospitals, such as in the form of an organized program of psychiatric consultation to medical or surgical services, are not subject to this Part, unless they are operated as part of a distinct psychiatric inpatient unit.

(c) This Part prescribes standards for certification. Certification does not confer eligibility to receive financial support from any governmental source.

(d) It is the intent of this Part to foster increased responsibility of psychiatric units to evaluate and review their own services. However, such units must: prepare an adequate plan for services which addresses modalities of care within the realm of behavioral healthcare and its associated comorbidities; have and reinforce staff training rooted in mental health services and promoting active treatment and recovery-oriented care; ensure staff have appropriate credentials and commensurate experience with the locus of care where they are working, [sufficiency and appropriateness of staff] promote patient rights, shared decision-making, and patient-centered care; [and] define clear goals for admission and discharge preparedness [criteria]; and, [furthermore,] establish [ing] organizational policies and procedures which will facilitate implementation of the plan.

(e) The provisions of section 580.8 of this Part set forth standards for the physical plant, or premises, of psychiatric inpatient units of general hospitals, and are intended to fully supersede any other regulations in this title previously utilized for this purpose.

580.2 Legal base.

(a) Section 31.02 of the Mental Hygiene Law prohibits the operation of any part of a general hospital for the purpose of providing residential services, including examination, diagnosis, care, treatment or rehabilitation of persons with mental disabilities including mental illness, unless an operating certificate has been obtained from the commissioner. Sections 31.07, 31.09, 31.13 and 31.19 further authorize the commissioner or ~~his or her~~ their representatives to examine and inspect such units to determine their suitability and proper operation. Sections 31.16 and 31.17 authorize the commissioner to suspend, revoke or limit any such operating certificate.

(b) Section 31.04 of the Mental Hygiene Law empowers the commissioner to adopt regulations deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law, including establishing procedures for the issuance, amendment and renewal of operating certificates.

(c) Section 29.15 of the Mental Hygiene Law establishes requirements for the discharge or conditional release of patients from hospitals operated by the Office of Mental Health or from psychiatric inpatient services subject to licensure by such [o]Office.

~~[(d) Section 365-m of the Social Services Law authorizes the Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health and the Commissioner of the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Service, in consultation with the Department of Health, to contract with regional behavioral health organizations to provide administrative and management services for the provision of behavioral health services.]~~



580.3 Definitions.

For purposes of this Part:

~~[(a) *Behavioral health organization* or *BHO* shall mean an entity selected by the Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health and the Commissioner of the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services pursuant to section 365-m of the New York State Social Services Law to provide administrative and management services for the purposes of conducting concurrent review of behavioral health admissions to inpatient treatment settings, assisting in the coordination of behavioral health services, and facilitating the integration of such services with physical health care.]~~

(a) *Managed Care (MCO)* shall mean an organization certified under article 44 of the public health law or article 43 of the insurance law, including organizations certified to provide comprehensive health services plans to individuals eligible for the medical assistance program under title eleven of article five of the social services law or child health plus under title one-A of article twenty-five of the public health law. For purposes of this section, MCO shall also mean any other insurer or entity authorized to issue health insurance policies or which provides health insurance benefits within or outside the State of New York, or an entity administering benefits on the insurer or entity's behalf, or a plan providing services

under title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act, that provides or administers coverage to an individual receiving inpatient treatment in a facility licensed pursuant to this section

(b)[b]) Child, for purposes of this Part, means an individual under 18 years of age.

(c) Collaterals means an individual who is a member of the patient's family or household, or other individual who interacts with the patient and is directly affected by or has the capability of affecting their condition and is identified in the individual's treatment plan as having a role in treatment or is necessary for participation in the evaluation and assessment of the recipient prior to admission, including housing providers and shall also include any Psychiatric Advance Directive.

(d)[c]) Commissioner means the Commissioner of Mental Health.

(e) Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor (CASAC) means an individual who has a current valid credential issued by the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), or a comparable credential, certificate or license from another recognized certifying body as determined by the OASAS.

(f) Individual with Complex Needs shall mean individuals who have one or more of the following:

(1) High utilization of inpatient, crisis or emergency services, including Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) services;

(2) High intensity outpatient service utilization or eligibility for high intensity outpatient services in the year prior to current psychiatric admission including, Assertive Community Treatment (ACT), Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), Health Home Plus (HH+) eligibility or services, Critical Time Intervention (CTI), Pathway Home, Safe Options Support (SOS), Intensive Mobile Treatment (IMT), or other service utilization characteristics determined by the Office as meeting criteria for Complex Needs designation;

(3) Discharge from inpatient level care at an Office operated Psychiatric Center or Office licensed RTF in the past year; or

(4) Inadequate connection to ambulatory or residential services and, have co-morbidities that require intensive supports for treatment and stabilization, or who have social needs that are determinants of poorer mental health outcomes, including but not limited to homelessness or insecure housing, food insecurity, transportation needs, communication/linguistic needs, insufficient family and community support, adverse childhood experiences, experiences of discrimination, exposure to threats or violence, criminal justice involvement, insufficient employment or education, immigration status, and military/veteran status and other individual characteristics determined by the Office as meeting criteria for Complex Needs designation.

(g[d]) [Concurrent] Utilization review shall mean the review [of the clinical necessity for continued inpatient behavioral] to determine whether health care services, resulting in a non-binding recommendation regarding the need for such continued inpatient services] that have been provided, are being provided or are proposed to be provided to a patient, whether undertaken prior to, concurrent with or subsequent to the delivery of such services are medically necessary.

(h) *Governing Body* shall mean a group of people who are legally responsible for establishing and implementing policies related to the operations and management of the facility.

(i) *Interventional Therapies* shall mean procedural-based treatments that aim to identify and then correct dysfunctional brain circuits, including, but not limited to, electroconvulsive therapy (ECT), transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), magnetic seizure therapy (MST), deep brain stimulation (DBS), vagus nerve stimulation (VNS), and transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS).

(j) *Intensive care management* shall mean a care management program that provides mobile, community-based support, with duration and frequency of visit meeting client needs. Services are provided in clients home or residence, community settings, health care settings including emergency department, hospital, and primary care settings to support access, engagement, quality, and coordination of care to meet clients' health care and basic needs. Examples of intensive care management include Critical Time Intervention, Assertive Community Treatment, and Health Home Plus services, and other services designated by the Office as meeting criteria for intensive care management services.

(k) *I-STOP/PMP* shall mean Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing/Prescription Monitoring Program.

(l) *Office* means the New York State Office of Mental Health.

(m) *On duty*, for purposes of this Part, shall include the individual being physically present or on-call and available which includes the ability to come on-site as needed.

(n) *Psychiatric advance directive* shall mean a legal document that details a person's preferences for future mental health treatment decisions and names an individual to make treatment decisions if the person is in a crisis and unable to make decisions.

(o) *Psychiatric inpatient unit of a general hospital or unit* means any part of a hospital, as defined in article 28 of the Public Health Law, operated for the purpose of providing a program of 24-hour professional care and treatment to persons with mental illness.

(p) *PSYCKES* shall mean the Psychiatric Services and Clinical Knowledge Enhancement System, a secure, HIPAA-compliant web-based platform developed by the NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) for sharing Medicaid billing claims and encounter data, other health-related data, and other data and documents entered by providers and individuals.

(q) *SHIN-NY/QE* shall mean the Statewide Health Information Network for New York which facilitates the secure electronic exchange of patient health information, connects healthcare professionals statewide and connects New York's Qualified Entities (QEs) and regional health information organization networks (RHIOs) that store and share patient health information.

580.4 Certification

(a) No psychiatric inpatient unit of a general hospital may be operated without a valid operating certificate issued by the New York State Office of Mental Health. Furthermore, as part of a general

hospital, psychiatric inpatient units are required to operate under a valid license issued by the Department of Health, and are thus subject to, and ~~[must]~~shall remain in compliance with, applicable requirements of such department.

(b) Application for new and renewal certificates shall be submitted as directed by the [e]Office in accordance with Parts 551 and 573 of this Title.

(c) A certificate valid for a period not to exceed three years shall be issued for units which satisfactorily meet the conditions stated in this Part. The duration of the operating certificate shall be based upon the degree to which the unit meets applicable regulations and standards, upon review by the [o]Office.

(d) The current certificate shall be framed and displayed in a conspicuous place which is readily accessible to the public.

(e) Certificates shall remain the property of the [o]Office, and expired, invalidated, revoked or terminated certificates shall be returned to the [o]Office.

(f) The certificate holder shall obtain prior approval of the [o]Office for all projects subject to prior approval review in accordance with Part 551 of this Title.

(g) Pursuant to Part 551 of this Title, [F]the certificate holder shall notify the [o]Office of any intention to terminate voluntarily its services to persons with mental illness. This notice of intention to terminate voluntarily shall include a detailed statement of the actions which will be taken to assure appropriate referral of persons receiving care or treatment, to preserve the confidentiality and availability of records, and to settle financial accounts according to preexisting individual arrangements. No program shall terminate its services until written approval from the [o]Office to do so is obtained, patients have been appropriately transferred or discharged, and records have been appropriately preserved and stored, all to the satisfaction of the Office. Failure to obtain the required approval from the Office may subject the certificate holder to civil penalties.

580.5 Organization and administration.

(a) Organization.

(1) The governing body of the general hospital shall be responsible for the overall operation and management of the psychiatric inpatient unit, and may discharge any responsibilities hereinafter stated through any body of delegates which is approved by the commissioner.

(2) The governing body shall establish and maintain a current [a] plan of organization for the unit which clearly indicates lines of accountability, the nature of professional responsibility to be exercised according thereto, and the professional qualifications required.

(3) The governing body shall develop and revise, as necessary, written policies for the quantity, quality, scope, goals, objectives and evaluation of all programs, policies for the accomplishment of stated purposes, and personnel policies. Personnel policies shall prohibit discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity, religion, color, creed, disability, sex, marital status, age, national origin, gender identity or sexual orientation. Such policies shall include but not be limited to:

(i) Policies governing affirmative action that are consistent with the affirmative action and equal employment opportunity obligations imposed by title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Federal Executive Order 11246, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, section 504, as amended, and the Vietnam Era Veteran's Readjustment Act;

(ii) Personnel policies and procedures shall provide for verification of employment history, personal references, work record and qualifications. Such policies shall also provide for securing a signed sworn statement whether, to the best of ~~his/her~~ their knowledge, the applicant has ever been convicted of a crime in this State or any other jurisdiction;[.]

(iii) Written policies and procedures governing patient records that ensure confidentiality consistent with the Mental Hygiene Law, sections 33.13, 33.14 and 33.16, 45 C.F.R. parts 160 and 164 and which provide for appropriate retention of such records pursuant to this Part; and

(iv) Written policies that ensure the protection of patients' rights. At a minimum these policies shall establish and describe a patient grievance procedure. The provider shall post a statement of patients' rights in a conspicuous location easily accessible to the public. The statement shall be provided in the patient's preferred language, and be accessible to the blind and visually impaired.

(4) The governing body shall establish written staff development and training policies which address orientation and ongoing staff development and training which shall include, but not be limited to, behavioral management interventions, techniques and alternative methods of safely handling crisis situations and safety and security procedures. In addition, in those hospitals serving children, staff training shall include the principles of child development and developmentally-appropriate interventions, family engagement, ~~[behavioral management interventions, techniques, and alternative methods of safely handling crisis situations, techniques of group and child management,]~~ the laws and regulations governing child abuse reporting and the protection of children from child abuse and maltreatment. Such training in those hospitals serving children shall include preemployment orientation and continuing education.

(5) The governing body shall establish written volunteer policies and procedures. Such policies and procedures shall provide for screening of volunteers and verification of employment history, personal references and work history; supervision of volunteers; training in accordance with paragraph (4) of this subdivision. Such policies shall also provide for securing a signed sworn statement whether, to the best of their ~~his/her~~ knowledge, the volunteer has been convicted of a crime in this State or any other jurisdiction.

(6) The governing body shall establish procedures to assure the health and safety of the patients in the program, and shall develop, implement, and regularly monitor clinical risk management programs including but not limited to reviews of the use of restraint and seclusion and treatment over objection, in order to protect the health and safety of patients and enhance their quality of care.

(7) The governing body shall meet as often as necessary to properly execute its functions, and in no event less often than quarterly. Minutes of all official meetings of the governing body shall be maintained as permanent record of the decisions made in relation to the operation of the psychiatric inpatient unit and shall be made available to the [o]Office upon request.

(8) Ongoing direction and control of the program of the unit shall be delegated by the governing body to a physician whose qualifications in psychiatry are appropriate to the program. For purposes of this Part, this person shall be known as the director.

(9) Administrative management of the unit may be delegated by the governing body to an appropriately qualified administrator.

(b) Administration.

(1) The governing body shall cause to be made an annual written evaluation of the total program to assess effectiveness and efficiency and to indicate any required changes in policies or services of the unit.

(2) The governing body shall maintain a separate set of financial accounts for the operation of the psychiatric inpatient unit.

(3) The governing body shall establish admission policies, including those pertaining to eligibility for service, and a description of available services which shall be written and made available to staff members, persons served and their families, cooperating agencies and the general public.

(i) All admission policies shall prohibit discrimination on the basis of race or ethnicity, religion, creed, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical disability, previous hospitalization in a licensed or State-operated psychiatric facility or ability to pay fees, provided, however, nothing in this subparagraph shall be interpreted to prevent a facility from making admission or discharge decisions based upon the functional, clinical and behavioral needs of a patient which are relevant to its program.

(ii) No facility shall deny care and treatment to, or otherwise discriminate against, persons who are Limited English Proficient~~[non-English speaking]~~, deaf or hard-of-hearing, in accordance with section 527.4 of this Title.

(iii) A facility shall not deny access to a person who otherwise meets requisite admission criteria solely on the basis of multiple diagnoses or a diagnosis of HIV infection, other chronic medical comorbidity, history of suicide attempt, history of violence, personality disorder, substance use disorder, or intellectual or developmental disability~~[for autism spectrum disorder AIDS, or AIDS-related complex.]~~

(4) The governing body shall cause to be procured and maintained for reference by the governing body and staff members an up-to-date copy of this Part and copies of any guideline instruction or information manuals or other communications as may be prescribed by the Office.

(5) The governing body shall appoint a special review committee, including members of the professional clinical staff, which shall:

(i) develop a written special review plan subject to approval by the governing body and the [o]Office. This plan shall provide for review of all incidents in accordance with Part 524 of this Title and extra-risk procedures administered. Extra-risk procedures may include, but not be limited to, interventional[~~somatic~~] therapies, experimental treatment modalities, and restraint or seclusion;

(ii) review and evaluate incidents and extra-risk procedures in accordance with the plan;

(iii) determine the facts in any incident reviewed, review ongoing practices and procedures in relation to such incidents and extra-risk procedures, and recommend changes in policies, practices or procedures which may be indicated;

(iv) include, either on a regular membership basis or by special arrangement as indicated, the participation of appropriately qualified and experienced physicians; and

(v) meet as often as necessary to properly execute its functions, and in no event less often than quarterly, keeping written minutes of its deliberations and submitting reports to the governing body as necessary.

(6) The governing body shall provide for the following in those hospitals which provide services to children:

(i) procedures for notification of the child's parent or guardian of incidents as required by law, including but not limited to Mental Hygiene Law sections 33.23 and 33.25; and

(ii) procedures for the proper reporting to the Statewide Central Register of Child Abuse and Maltreatment of suspected child abuse or maltreatment by a guardian, caretaker, or other person over the age of 18 who is responsible for the care of the child; and

(iii) procedures for the proper reporting of incidents to the Justice Center and to the Office.

(7) The governing body shall cause to be written, made known to all employees and maintain[~~ed~~ current] a current plan for safeguarding all patients in the event of a major natural disaster or civil disturbance.

(8) The governing body shall require staff of the facility to participate with the local governmental unit in local planning processes as required by sections 41.05(e) and 41.16 of the Mental Hygiene Law. Such participation [~~must~~] shall be documented in the approved local services or unified services plan of each local governmental unit served by the facility. At a minimum, facility participation shall include:

(i) provision of budgeting and planning data as requested by the local governmental unit;

(ii) identification of the population being served by the facility;

(iii) identification of the geographic area being served by the facility;

(iv) description of the facility's relationship to other providers of services who serve the same geographic area, including but not limited to, written agreements to ensure

expeditious access to programs by persons who need them. At a minimum, these agreements shall provide a process for prompt referral, evaluation and, as necessary, admission to cooperating programs; specify mechanisms for coordinated development of service plans for patients being served by more than one program; provide for access to emergency psychiatric services within the geographic area; and provide a mechanism for sharing information about patients being served; and

(v) attendance at planning meetings as may reasonably be required by the local governmental unit.

(c) Education Program.

(1) If any children of legal school age are served, the hospital shall make available an appropriate instructional program approved by the New York State Education Department.

(2) The treatment program in those hospitals which provide services to children shall include the means for providing instruction to individuals under the age of 18, and, when required pursuant to an Individualized Education Plan, to certain individuals over the age of 18, consistent with their age, needs and clinical condition, as well as the needs and circumstances within the facility or program, in techniques and procedures which will enable such individuals to report abuse and maltreatment.

580.6 Program.

(a) General.

(1) The program of services shall be provided in accordance with the principle of continuity of care, whereby a single member of the professional clinical staff shall exercise primary responsibility for each patient at all times.

(2) Direct service to patients shall be provided in accordance with an individual written plan of care, treatment and rehabilitation, specifying the nature of the conditions and the disabilities found to be present and those which are to be affected, relating these to the methods of care, treatment and rehabilitation to be provided, identifying the intended benefits of care and treatment and providing for appropriate review and revision.

(3) A single case record which contains current information regarding diagnosis, treatment and evaluation of results of care or treatment for each patient shall be available to all professional staff involved in the care or treatment of that patient.

(4) The programs provided by the unit shall include diagnostic and active treatment, including but not limited to individual and group psychotherapy, acceptable interventional therapies, pharmacological [somatic]therapies, psychiatric nursing care and a therapeutic milieu. In addition, in order to provide alternatives to inpatient care and a continuum of support and care beyond inpatient stay, a general hospital shall, either within its facility or by affiliation with or referral to other public or nonprofit or other approved agencies, assure access for patients, as clinically appropriate, to partial hospitalization services, outpatient and crisis and emergency

services. The functions of the partial hospital services and outpatient programs shall closely relate to the inpatient unit, be established by written agreement if not provided by the psychiatric inpatient unit, and shall be available to all patients who might benefit.

(5) Hospitals shall utilize best practices on the screening, assessment, treatment and disposition of individuals presenting to the hospital with acute psychiatric needs necessitating emergency and inpatient services, in accordance with Office guidance.

(6) The treatment program in those hospitals which provide services to children shall include the means for providing instruction to children under the age of 18, consistent with their age, needs, and clinical condition, as well as, the needs and circumstances within the facility or program, in techniques and procedures which will enable such patients to [protect themselves from] report abuse and maltreatment.

(7[6]) A nurse practitioner or registered nurse shall be on duty on the unit at all times.

(8[7]) A physician shall be on duty at all times at the hospital, and other medical staff shall be available on call as needed.

(9[8]) The unit shall have continuously in force a written policy on prescription and dispensing of medications, including appropriate time limits for prescriptions or drug orders and requirements for review by the physician responsible.

(10[9]) All facilities accepting admissions pursuant to section 9.39 of the Mental Hygiene Law [must] shall demonstrate the capacity to, when appropriate, control the access to and exit from units or areas of units in which individuals admitted pursuant to section 9.39 reside.

(b) Admissions.

(1) All admissions shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law in a form and format designated by the [o]Office.

(2) The certified bed capacity of the unit shall not be exceeded at any time. Provided, however, in extraordinary circumstances, such capacity may be exceeded upon written approval of the Office, on a situational and time-limited basis.

(3) A hospital shall [~~must be willing to~~] accept for observation, diagnosis and treatment any suitable person presented for admission as provided in section 9.39 of the Mental Hygiene Law, regardless of the time of day or person referring such patient.

(4) If minors under the age of 18 are admitted to the hospital, they shall not be commingled with adults in areas of the unit where the adults reside, nor shall they receive services in groups which include adults. In extraordinary circumstances, such commingling may be permitted upon written approval of the [o]Office, on a situational and time-limited basis.

(5) Admission requirements. When an individual is admitted to a unit, clinical staff shall:

(i) review documentation of assessments, treatment, and other services provided in referring outpatient, emergency, or hospital program;

(ii) review documentation of prior presentations to the hospital unit and attempt to obtain medical records from other hospitals where the individual received services;

(iii) in accordance with HIPAA and section 33.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law, attempt to obtain the authorization of the individual or someone authorized to make health care decisions on the individual's behalf to access, use and disclose personal health information from collaterals or other data sources as outlined in this subdivision. If the authorization of the individual cannot practicably be obtained due to incapacity or emergency circumstance, unit staff may, in the exercise of professional judgment, determine whether the access, use, or disclosure is necessary to prevent imminent, serious harm to the patient. If so, only that PHI that is necessary to protect the patient from the anticipated harm or which is in the best interest of the patient may be accessed, used, or disclosed. The reasons for the access, use, or disclosure must be appropriately documented in the clinical record;

(iv) attempt to obtain collateral information on all admitted individuals;

(v) review information in PSYCKES regarding admitted individuals regarding prior psychiatric and medical history and contact information for outpatient treatment teams and care managers with consent as required. In the event of incapacity or emergency circumstance, staff may temporarily access a PSYCKES clinical profile for the limited purposes authorized by this section and in accordance with PSYCKES policy or as authorized by other policy, law or regulation;

(vi) review information in any other available information network databases (e.g., SHIN-NY/QE) regarding admitted individuals with consent as may be required. In the event of incapacity or emergency circumstance, staff may temporarily access a clinical profile for the limited purposes authorized by this section and in accordance with SHIN-NY policy or as authorized by other policy, law or regulation; and

(vii) check to see if the individual has a Psychiatric Advance Directive (PAD) or other Wellness plan and preferred contacts in PSYCKES. Staff shall obtain consent as required to access the full view of the Psychiatric Advance Directive, Wellness Plan, or preferred contacts. In the event of incapacity or emergency circumstance, staff may temporarily access a PSYCKES clinical profile, for the limited purposes authorized by this section and in accordance with PSYCKES policy or as authorized by other policy, law or regulation. If the individual does not have PAD, clinical staff shall provide a copy and explanation of a PAD. If the individual chooses to complete a PAD, it shall be placed in their chart.

(6) Screening requirements on admission. The following screenings shall take place on admission and documented in the individual's chart:

(i) All individuals shall be screened for suicide risk using a validated instrument. Positive screens shall be followed by a suicide risk assessment by a licensed professional trained in assessing suicide risk.

(ii) Each hospital shall have policies regarding violence risk screening and assessment. All individuals shall be screened, and the hospital policy shall describe a process for

subsequent assessment and intervention in the case of a positive screen. As part of the screening, all individuals shall be asked about access to firearms or other weapons.

(iii) All individuals above the age of 12 shall be screened for substance use using a validated instrument. Positive screens shall be followed by an assessment by a licensed professional who is familiar with working with individuals who have a substance use disorder or CASAC.

(iv) A determination shall be made as to whether an individual has complex needs. Social Determinants shall be considered when making treatment and disposition decisions.

(c) Discharge Requirements

(1) All discharges shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of section 29.15 of the Mental Hygiene Law, in a form and format designed by the [o]Office.

(2) The discharge plan shall reflect individual strengths and level of social support and address psychiatric, substance use disorder, chronic medical, and social needs. The plan shall also address relevant concerning information obtained from collateral sources of information.

(3) For discharges of individuals with complex needs, the discharging unit shall provide a verbal clinical sign-out to the receiving outpatient treatment program and residential or other long-term care program on the day of discharge, or as soon as possible thereafter in accordance with section 33.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law.

(4) The unit shall send a discharge summary detailing the presenting history of present illness (HPI), hospital course, and other relevant information to the outpatient, residential, or long-term care treatment program(s) within seven days of discharge in accordance with section 33.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law.

(5) Prior to discharge, and in accordance with section 33.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law, the hospital shall contact aftercare providers to schedule and confirm a follow up appointment to occur within seven calendar days following discharge. A referral to a walk-in intake clinic is insufficient to meet this requirement. Individuals who are leaving the hospital against medical advice, or who state they do not wish to receive aftercare services, shall be provided information about available treatment options and have an appointment scheduled whenever possible.

(6) For individuals with complex needs enrolled in outpatient or residential care management, the unit shall coordinate discharge plan details and timing with care managers, including supporting on unit pre-discharge visits.

(7) For eligible individuals with complex needs who are not enrolled in intensive care management or are enrolled in care management but need intensive care management, hospital staff shall make a referral to an intensive care management provider, in accordance with Office guidance.

(8) All individuals shall be screened for suicidality prior to their discharge. Individuals with an elevated risk of self-harm or suicide shall have a community suicide safety plan completed before discharge. Lethal means shall be identified and a plan for restriction addressed in the Safety Plan. The Unit shall document their work with collaterals to implement the plan to restrict lethal means and confirm completion prior to discharge.

(9) Discharge of individuals with an elevated risk of violence shall include, to every extent possible, close collaboration with key community partners to incorporate strategies to address violence risk factors and access to weapons into the overall discharge plan in accordance with section 33.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law.

(10) When determining whether an individual is ready for discharge and the most appropriate discharge setting, the whole clinical presentation and history, as well as the availability of existing services in the individual's community, shall be considered.

(11) Individuals who meet criteria for any substance use disorder shall be offered pharmacological interventions, if appropriate, and referred to a new or existing provider who can continue their medication assisted treatment for their substance use disorder.

(12) Individuals who require treatment with an antipsychotic medication but have history of non-compliance shall be considered for treatment with a long-acting injectable medication.

(13[2]) A hospital shall be prohibited from discharging any person with serious mental illness to a transitional adult home, as defined in regulations of the Commissioner of Health, unless the person was a resident of the home immediately prior to [his or her]their current period of hospitalization.

580.7 Staffing.

(a) The governing body shall continuously employ an adequate number of appropriately qualified staff to effectively carry out the program of examination, diagnosis, care, treatment and rehabilitation. Suitable provisions ~~[must]~~shall be made for the protection of individuals ~~[patients]~~ through the use of adequate staff. All facilities accepting admissions pursuant to section 9.39 of the Mental Hygiene Law shall have available at all times an adequate number of physicians experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of persons likely to seriously harm themselves or others. A written rationale for the staffing pattern utilized shall be prepared, clearly specifying any regular use of personnel whose primary duty assignments are elsewhere in the hospital, for approval by the Office of Mental Health. The written rationale shall include a plan for appropriate supervision of staff and volunteers. The plan shall include procedures for periodic supervisory conferences for staff and volunteers and procedures for written performance evaluations consistent with collective bargaining requirements.

(b) The director and all staff physicians shall be currently registered and licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York; their qualifications shall be reported to the [o]Office at the time of their employment.

(1) The unit shall not permit physicians in training to perform a service for which a license is required by the State of New York except as a part of an approved training program and unless

authorized on a temporary certificate to practice medicine at the hospital and they are under the direct control and supervision of a currently registered and licensed physician.

(i) A training program to be approved ~~[must]~~shall be accredited by the Accrediting Committee for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) ~~[Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association]~~, the appropriate specialty boards or any other recognized approval body based on standards acceptable to the [o]Office.

(ii) With respect to the care of persons eligible for health insurance and medical assistance only, training programs ~~[must]~~shall comply with the requirements of applicable rules and regulations of the Secretary of Health and Human Services pertaining to resident, intern and medical student training programs enacted pursuant to Titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act ~~[the Health Insurance for the Aged Act]~~.

(2) All direct service, other than in an emergency, provided by interns, house officers, residents or physicians with equivalent titles ~~[must]~~shall be provided as specified in paragraph (1) of this subdivision or ~~[must]~~shall be provided by a physician currently registered and licensed to practice in New York State.

(c) The nursing service shall be under the direction of a nurse practitioner or registered nurse experienced in the care of individuals ~~[patients]~~ with mental illness and in the administration of a psychiatric nursing service.

(d) All staff members providing services as members of professions, the practice of which is by law required to be licensed, certified or registered, shall file documentation of compliance with such applicable law with the governing body; this documentation shall be retained on file and made available to the [o]Office upon request.

(e) All staff members providing services as members of professions, the practice of which does not by law require licensure, certification or registration, shall file documentation of their training and experience with the governing body.

(f) All other program staff shall have qualifications appropriate to their assigned responsibilities as set forth in written policies of the governing body, and shall be subject to appropriate professional staff supervision.

(g) There shall be properly trained personnel adequate for continuous maintenance and housekeeping of the premises of the unit and for all other duties necessary for the clerical administration of the unit.

(h) The certificate holder shall submit reports to the [o]Office, as required, of the staff employed by and available in the unit.

580.8 Premises.

(a) Safety.

(1) All facilities shall be safe and suitable for the comfort and care of the individual ~~[patient]~~. Facilities shall be maintained in a state of good repair and sanitation.

(i) A facility maintenance plan, including provision for routine inspections of the physical plant, shall be developed, maintained, and shall be immediately available for [o]Office review upon request.

(ii) A process ~~[must]~~shall be established and implemented at all facilities by which staff can notify the administration of any unsafe conditions. Facility staff ~~[must]~~shall routinely be made aware of such process.

(2) Patient areas for children, including bedroom space, ~~[must]~~shall be separate and distinct from patient areas for adults.

(b) Code compliance.

Facilities shall be and remain in compliance with applicable State and local building codes and regulations.

(1) Prior to construction or renovation of a facility, a building permit from the applicable local authority ~~[must]~~shall be obtained, and proof of same ~~[must]~~shall be made available to the [o]Office upon request.

(2) A current and effective copy of a Certificate of Occupancy at a facility ~~[must]~~shall be maintained at each facility location.

(c) Construction standards.

(1) Facilities shall be and remain in compliance with the provisions of the appropriate section(s) of the current recognized edition of the National Fire Prevention Association-101 Life Safety Code (LSC).

(2) Facilities shall be and remain in compliance with applicable sections of the current recognized edition of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Health Care Facilities published by the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

(3) Facilities shall be and remain in compliance with applicable sections of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and implementing regulations (28 CFR Parts 35 and 36).

(d) Provisions for unplanned events.

(1) Facility administration ~~[must]~~shall evaluate the potential for specific unplanned events including but not limited to: power outages, heat loss, water shortages, extreme temperatures, floods, earthquakes, winds, fires and explosions.

(2) Facilities shall have policies and procedures in place which establish a reaction plan with respect to management of the facility in the event of unplanned events and potential disasters.

(i) Such policies and procedures shall include provisions designed to ensure staff are made aware of, and are familiar with, the reaction plan.

(ii) The reaction plan shall be periodically reviewed and updated as needed.

(e) ~~[Electroconvulsive]~~Interventional therapies~~[y]~~, including Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT).

(1) Facilities administering ECT or other interventional therapies ~~[must]~~ shall have a treatment room and recovery space that is specifically dedicated for the ~~[is]~~ service and which meets applicable Federal and State safety and health standards and applicable standards of practice.

(2) Facilities administering ECT or other interventional therapies shall remain current with standards of practice supported by the American Psychiatric Association related to treatment and administration of this service consistent with such standards.

(3) Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) may not be used as an emergency procedure.

(4) No facility shall use restraint or seclusion without a written plan for the use of restraint or seclusion in accordance with section 526.4 of this Title.

(5) No facility shall use extraordinary risk procedures. Extraordinary risk procedures include, but are not limited to, experimental treatment modalities and aversive conditioning.

580.9 Records and statistics.

(a) Case records.

(1) There shall be an individual record for each person admitted to the psychiatric inpatient unit.

(2) Each case record shall include:

(i) legal admission documents;

(ii) identifying information on the individual and their~~[his]~~ family, and, as applicable, guardian;

(iii) source of referral, date of commencing service and name of staff member carrying overall responsibility for treatment and care;

(iv) initial, intercurrent and final diagnoses, including psychiatric, alcohol or substance ~~[ab]~~use disorder or intellectual ~~[mental retardation]~~ or developmental disability diagnoses in official terminology;

(v) reports of all diagnostic examinations and evaluations, including findings and conclusions;

(vi) reports of all special studies performed, including X-rays, clinical laboratory tests, ~~[clinical]~~ developmental and psychological testing, electroencephalograms, psychometric tests;

(vii) record of communication with family, outpatient providers, and other significant sources of collateral information;

(viii) the individual written plan of care, treatment and rehabilitation prepared in accordance with section 580.6(a)(2) of this Part;

(ix~~viii~~) progress notes that are written, signed, and dated by all staff members having significant participation in the program of treatment and care;

(i~~x~~) summaries of case conferences and special consultations;

(xi) notes which relate to special circumstances and untoward incidents including but not limited to, the use of any seclusion or restraints;

(xii) dated and signed prescriptions or orders for all medications with notation of termination dates;

(xiii) a closing summary of the course of treatment and care;

(xiv[i]) autopsy findings if an autopsy is performed; [and]

(xv[iii]) documentation of any referrals within the hospital or to another agency; and

(xvi) documentation of voluntary or involuntary status and other information as requested by the Office.

(b) Patient records shall be safeguarded for confidentiality and accessible only to authorized persons, and shall be otherwise maintained in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws and regulations governing the privacy of individually identifying health information.

(c) Statistical records and reports.

(1) Such statistical and case record information shall be prepared and maintained as may be necessary for optimally effective operation of the unit and as may be required by the [o]Office.

(2) Admissions, discharges and other statistical and case record information shall be reported to the [o]Office as required and in a form and format designated by the [o]Office.

(3) Statistical reporting shall be the responsibility of an appropriately qualified employee whose name and title shall be made known to the [o]Office.

(4) Summaries of statistical information shall be reviewed at least annually by the governing body.

580.10 Community relations.

(a) The unit shall integrate its services with other services of the hospital and with other relevant community services for purposes of providing comprehensive and coordinating care.

(b) The governing body shall assure the availability of necessary services not provided by the psychiatric inpatient unit itself. In determining necessity, the governing body shall take account of social work services, clinical laboratory services, special medical or surgical diagnostic or treatment services, integrated [dual disorder]care services, psychiatric partial hospitalization, psychiatric outpatient services and rehabilitation services, and care management services.

(c) The unit shall participate appropriately in local, areawide, regional and State planning related to treatment programs for persons with mental [disabilities]illness.

(d) Significant changes in the psychiatric hospital program shall take into account studies of needs and resources in the geographic area served by the ~~psychiatric~~ hospital.

580.11 ~~Behavioral health~~ Managed Care organizations.

The facility shall cooperate with ~~designated~~ Managed Care O~~regional behavioral health~~ organizations. Such cooperation shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) notifying the appropriate managed care ~~behavioral health~~ organization of an admission for a behavioral health condition for which coverage is provided by Medicaid, Child Health Plus, Essential Plan, or any other government-sponsored or private coverage ~~on a fee-for-service basis~~ to an individual who is not also enrolled in the Medicare program or for individuals enrolled in the Medicare program, to an MCO providing services under title XVIII of the federal Social Security Act. Such notification shall be provided within two business days ~~[24 hours]~~ of such admission ~~or, for an admission occurring on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following such admission~~. When ~~Medicaid~~ coverage cannot be determined at the time of admission, notification shall be provided as soon as practicably possible after confirmation of coverage ~~[Medicaid eligibility, but in no event more than 24 hours after such confirmation or, for a confirmation made on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, later than 5:00 p.m. of the next business day following such confirmation]~~;

(b) cooperating with utilization ~~concurrent~~ review activities;

(c) ensuring that the discharge plan for such an individual includes consideration of physical health needs and services;

(d) notifying such managed care ~~behavioral health~~ organization within 24 hours of the discharge of such an individual or, for a discharge occurring on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or public holiday, by 5:00 p.m. on the next business day following such discharge;

(e) receiving and providing physical and mental health information, pursuant to section 33.13(d) of the Mental Hygiene Law; and

(f) seeking to obtain, ~~as may be legally required~~ [needed], such individual's consent to receive and provide information regarding substance use disorder treatment ~~[such individual's substance use problems]~~ as may be required pursuant to federal law.