

**Medical Necessity Criteria for MHP Reimbursement of Specialty Mental Health
(Title IX 1830.205)**

- (a) The following medical necessity criteria determines Medi-Cal reimbursement for specialty mental health services that are the responsibility of the MHP under this subchapter, except as specifically provided.
- (b) The beneficiary must meet criteria outlined in (1), (2), and (3) below to be eligible for services:
 - (1) Be diagnosed by the MHP with one of the following diagnoses in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual, Fourth Edition, published by the American Psychiatric Association:
 - (A) Pervasive Developmental Disorders, except Autistic Disorders
 - (B) Disruptive Behavior and Attention Deficit Disorders
 - (C) Feeding and Eating Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood
 - (D) Elimination Disorders
 - (E) Other Disorders of Infancy, Childhood, or Adolescence
 - (F) Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders
 - (G) Mood Disorders
 - (H) Anxiety Disorders
 - (I) Somatoform Disorders
 - (J) Factitious Disorders
 - (K) Dissociative Disorders
 - (L) Paraphilias
 - (M) Gender Identity Disorder
 - (N) Eating Disorder
 - (O) Impulse Control Disorders not Elsewhere Classified
 - (P) Adjustment Disorders

- (Q) Personality Disorders, excluding Antisocial Personality Disorder
- (R) Medication-induced Movement Disorders related to other included diagnoses
- (2) Must have at least one of the following impairments as a result of the mental disorder(s) listed in subdivision (1) above:
 - (A) A significant impairment in an important area of life functioning.
 - (B) A probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning.
 - (C) Except as provided in Section 1830.210, a probability a child will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate. For the purpose of this section, a child is a person under the age of 21 years.
- (3) Must meet each of the intervention criteria listed below:
 - (A) The focus of the proposed intervention is to address the condition identified in (2) above.
 - (B) The expectation is that the proposed intervention will:
 - 1. Significantly diminish the impairment, or
 - 2. Prevent significant deterioration in an important area of life function, or
 - 3. Except as provided in Section 1830.210, allow the child to progress developmentally as individually appropriate.
 - (C) The condition would not be responsive to physical health care based treatment.
- (c) When the requirements of this section are met, beneficiaries shall receive specialty mental health services for a diagnosis included in subsection (b)(1) even if a diagnosis that is not included in subsection (b)(1) is also present.