

# Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

Policy Title:	<b>State General Funds and Mental Health Block Grant Funding Plan</b>	Policy No. <b>6013.01</b>
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## POLICY

- 1.1. Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (Great Rivers BH-ASO) will define the individuals eligible for services covered by State General Behavioral Health funds and Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) funds. For individuals eligible for services covered by State General Behavioral Health funds and when resources are available, this policy is also meant to ensure consistent application of standards across the region for access to medically necessary behavioral health services.

## PROCEDURE

- 2.1. Great Rivers BH-ASO utilizes State General Behavioral Health funds and MHBG funds, if the resources are available, to provide services to specific populations of individuals, as well as, pay for certain programs and services.
  - 2.1.1. The use of these funds may be revised as funding availability changes.
  - 2.1.2. Any changes to these categories shall be effective immediately upon written notification.
- 2.2. Individuals financially eligible for State General Behavioral Health funded services must:
  - 2.2.1. Be ineligible for Medicaid;
  - 2.2.2. Not have insurance coverage for services;
  - 2.2.3. Be at or below 220% of federal poverty guidelines; and
  - 2.2.4. Be a member of a listed priority population.
- 2.3. Great Rivers BH-ASO utilizes State funds for the following mental health services:
  - 2.3.1. Core Services:
    - 2.3.1.1. Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) services;
    - 2.3.1.2. ITA Court filing fees;
    - 2.3.1.3. Regional Crisis Services;
    - 2.3.1.4. Evaluation & Treatment Facilities (E&Ts);

- 2.3.1.5. Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization;
- 2.3.1.6. Transportation;
- 2.3.1.7. Interpreter Services;
- 2.3.1.8. Regional Ombuds Services; and
- 2.3.1.9. Residential Room & Board.
- 2.3.2. State funds Within Available Resources:
  - 2.3.2.1. Great Rivers BH-ASO administrative operations;
  - 2.3.2.2. Peer Recovery Centers;
  - 2.3.2.3. Medically Necessary State Plan outpatient mental health services including Program of Assertive Treatment (PACT) services when discharging or discharged within the past 30 days from Western State Hospital (WSH) on a case-by-case basis; and
  - 2.3.2.4. Individual Tracking/Information Services.
- 2.3.3. Great Rivers BH-ASO utilizes MHBG funds for the following mental health services to individuals who meet the eligibility criteria:
  - 2.3.3.1. Regional Crisis Services;
  - 2.3.3.2. Evaluation & Treatment Facilities (E&Ts);
  - 2.3.3.3. Transportation;
  - 2.3.3.4. Interpreter Services;
  - 2.3.3.5. Regional Ombuds Services; and
  - 2.3.3.6. Residential Room & Board.
- 2.3.4. Mental Health Block Grant funds Within Available Resources
  - 2.3.4.1. Medically Necessary State Plan outpatient mental health services including PACT services when discharging or discharged within the past 30 days from WSH on a case-by-case basis;
  - 2.3.4.2. Residential Services; and
  - 2.3.4.3. Residential Room & Board.
- 2.4. Great Rivers BH-ASO uses medical necessity criteria, continued stay and discharge criteria for current services offered. Great Rivers BH-ASO will identify medical necessity criteria for other services, as they are developed within our service region, for priority populations. These will include: Day Support, Tuberculosis (TB) Counseling, Screening, Testing and Referral, Urinalysis/Screening Test, TB Screening/Skin Test.
- 2.5. Great Rivers BH-ASO service providers shall provide non-crisis behavioral health services funded by General Fund State (GFS) within available resources, to

individuals who meet financial eligibility standards, meet the medical necessity criteria for all services provided to them and meet one (1) of the following:

- 2.5.1. Are uninsured;
- 2.5.2. Have insurance but are unable to pay the co-pay or the deductible for services;
- 2.5.3. Are using excessive Crisis Services due to inability to access non-crisis behavioral health services;
- 2.5.4. Have more than five (5) visits over six (6) months to the emergency department, detox facility, or sobering center due to SUD.

**MONITORING:**

- 3.1. Mental Health Block Grant and State General Funds utilization reporting is required monthly to support cost reimbursement billing.
- 3.2. Contracted providers are required to check client eligibility at each service visit or at least monthly to use Non-Medicaid funds.
  - 3.2.1. Great Rivers BH-ASO monitors this by checking clients who are not on the MCO-provided 834 file of Medicaid eligible clients.
  - 3.2.2. Providers are required to fill out income verification documentation for all clients to determine if they meet the 220% of federal poverty guidelines and to identify if they are a member of the listed priority populations.
- 3.3. Great Rivers BH-ASO will monitor proper utilization of Mental Block Grant and State General funds via annual fiscal review(s) and as part of monthly invoice audit and data analysis.
- 3.4. Great Rivers BH-ASO Advisory Board also monitors the utilization of MHBG funds.
- 3.5. Great Rivers BH-ASO will complete, at least annually, a focused review of the use of GFS and MHBG, including a review of the clinical records for individuals receiving these funds.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

POLICY SIGNATURE

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Great Rivers BH-ASO Governing Board

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Date