

# Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

Policy Title:	<b>Availability and Sufficiency of Services</b>	Policy No. <b>6014.02</b>
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Reference:	Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) Contract	

## **POLICY:**

- 1.1. Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organization ("Great Rivers BH-ASO") shall maintain a network of Behavioral Health Agencies (BHAs) that is sufficient in number, mix and geographic distribution to meet the needs of the anticipated number of enrollees in the service area.
- 1.2. Great Rivers BH-ASO shall monitor provider network sufficiency and provide reports to the State in a timely fashion. Great Rivers BH-ASO will offer services to all Individuals within the boundaries of the RSA covered by Contract with HCA. Great Rivers BH-ASO will not decrease its service areas or its level of participation in any service area except during Contract renewal.

## **PROCEDURE:**

- 2.1. In establishing and maintaining a network sufficient to provide adequate access to all behavioral health services Great Rivers BH-ASO shall consider the following:
  - 2.1.1. If the U.S. Postal Service alters the zip code numbers or zip code boundaries within the Great Rivers BH-ASO RSA, HCA shall alter the service area zip code numbers or the boundaries of the service areas with input from the Great Rivers BH-ASO.
  - 2.1.2. All individuals in the Great Rivers BH-ASO RSA regardless of insurance status, ability to pay, county of residence, or level of income are eligible to receive medically necessary Behavioral Health Crisis Services, and services related to the administration of the Involuntary Treatment Act and Involuntary Commitment Act (Chapters 71.05 and 71.34 RCW).
  - 2.1.3. Great Rivers BH-ASO has discretion on the use of funds for the provision of non-crisis behavioral health services including crisis stabilization and voluntary Behavioral Health admissions for Individuals in the Great Rivers BH-ASO RSA who are not eligible for Medicaid and/or do not have third party insurance.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

- 3.1. To be eligible for any General Fund State (GFS) non-crisis Behavioral Health service, an individual must meet the financial eligibility criteria and the clinical or program eligibility criteria for the GFS service:
  - 3.1.1. Individuals who do not qualify for Medicaid and have income up to two hundred twenty percent (220%) of the federal poverty level meet the financial eligibility for all of the GFS services.
  - 3.1.2. For services in which medical necessity criteria applies, documentation should clearly demonstrate the medical necessity criteria the individual meets.
  - 3.1.3. As defined in the HCA Contract, certain populations have priority to receive services.
    - 3.1.3.1. For SABG:
      - 3.1.3.1.1. Pregnant injecting drug users
      - 3.1.3.1.2. Pregnant substance abusers
      - 3.1.3.1.3. Women with dependent children
      - 3.1.3.1.4. Injecting drug users
    - 3.1.3.2. Additional Priority Populations for SABG services, in no particular order:
      - 3.1.3.2.1. Postpartum women up to one (1) year, regardless of pregnancy outcome)
      - 3.1.3.2.2. Patients transition from residential care to outpatient care
      - 3.1.3.2.3. Youth
      - 3.1.3.2.4. Officers
- 3.2. To be eligible for any Federal Block Grant (FBG) funds, Individuals must meet medical necessity criteria and not be enrolled in Medicaid or be requesting services that aren't covered by Medicaid.
- 3.3. Meeting the eligibility requirements for Great Rivers BH-ASO services does not guarantee the Individual will receive a non-crisis behavioral health service. Services other than Behavioral Health Crisis Services and ITA-related services are contingent upon available resources as managed by the Great Rivers BH-ASO staff.
- 3.4. If requested, Great Rivers BH-ASO shall participate with the regional IMC MCOs in a regional initiative to develop and implement consistent protocols for determining clinical or program eligibility for the non-crisis Behavioral Health services.
- 3.5. Great Rivers BH-ASO shall follow policy 6005 Individual Transfer and Coordination of Care and policy 6008 Engagement with High Need Individuals at Risk of Terminating Services for Individuals with frequent eligibility changes. Any reconciliation will occur at a frequency determined by HCA, but no less than

semiannually, with potential for up to monthly reconciliations in the last quarter of the allocation year.

POLICY SIGNATURE

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