

Governor's Advisory Council on Behavioral Health and Wellness

Possible Recommendations

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NRS Revision to add EMT language

NRS 433A.165 Examination required before admission of person to facility; treatment of certain medical conditions required before admission to facility; payment of costs; exceptions; regulations.

1. Before a person alleged to be a person with mental illness may be admitted to a public or private mental health facility pursuant to NRS 433A.160, the person must:

(a) First be examined by a licensed physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to NRS 632.237 , **or a licensed paramedic pursuant to NRS450B.090 and 450B.095** at any location where such a physician, physician assistant ,advanced practice registered nurse, **or licensed paramedic** is authorized to conduct such an examination to determine whether the person has a medical problem, other than a psychiatric problem, which requires immediate treatment; and

(b) If such treatment is required, be admitted for the appropriate medical care:

(1) To a hospital if the person is in need of emergency services or care; or

(2) To another appropriate medical facility if the person is not in need of emergency services or care.

Status of Emergency Departments: Boarding of psychiatric patients

- Report on progress in creating appropriate alternatives to jail and emergency departments for managed care patients
- Status report on numbers of “boarded” patients

Elder Issues

- A. Department Status Report re: Medicare and Medicaid Rates
- B. Status report regarding higher Medicaid rates for nursing facilities prepared and trained to support individuals with behavioral health needs
- C. Services reimbursed
 - Depression screening
- D. Status report and possible recommendations re: reimbursement of caregiver services
- E. Expand mobile crisis team capacity (e.g., training) re: issues related to aging

Changes to Previous Recommendations

- A. Expand previous telepsychiatry and consultation recommendations to include consultation re: geropsychiatry, dementia, and related cognitive difficulties
- B. Expand previous workforce recommendations (#11) to include gerontology
- C. Expand suicide prevention screening recommendations (#10) to include children and elderly.