

 <p><b>SPOKANE COUNTY</b> Regional Support Network Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan</p>	Policy Title: <b>Screening Assessment for Co-Occurring Disorders (GAIN-SS)</b>		Policy # <b>CS-35</b>
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Applies to:

Internal  External

### References

[RCW 70.96C.010](#)

### Scope

SCRSN/PIHP and its contracted providers.

### Policy

Department of Health and Social Services (DSHS) requires the SCRSN/PHIP and its contracted providers to implement the GAIN-SS (Global Assessment of Individual Needs – Short Screener) as the standard assessment and screening process to be used by all DSHS supported intake and assessment sites. The requirement includes an integrated assessment and treatment process for those with a positive screen for the possibility of a co-occurring disorder.

### Procedures/Mechanisms

1. The contractor must attempt to screen all individuals aged 13 and above through the use of the MHD provided Global Appraisal of Individual Needs – Short Screener (GAIN-SS) during:
  - 1.1. All new intakes;
  - 1.2. The provision of each crisis episode of care including ITA investigations services, except when:
    - 1.2.1. The service results in a referral for an intake assessment;
    - 1.2.2. The service results in an involuntary detention under RCW 71.05, 71.34 or RCW 70.96B;
    - 1.2.3. The contact is by telephone only;
    - 1.2.4. The professional conducting the crisis intervention or ITA investigation has information that the individual completed at GAIN-SS screening within the previous 12 months.

2. The GAIN- SS screening must be completed as self report by the individual and signed by the individual on the MHD-GAIN-SS form. If the individual refuses to complete the GAIN-SS screening or if the clinician determines the individual is unable to complete the screening for any reason this must be documented on the MHD-GAIN-SS form.
  - 2.1. The results of the GAIN-SS screening, including refusals and unable to completes, must be reported to MHD through the CIS system.
  - 2.2. The contractor must complete a co-occurring mental health and chemical dependency disorder assessment, consistent with training provided by the MHD and outlined in the SAMHSA Treatment Protocol 42, to determine a quadrant placement for the individual when the individual scores a 2 or higher on either of the first two scales (ID Screen & ED Screen) and a 2 or higher on the third (SD Screen).
  - 2.3. The assessment is required during the next outpatient treatment planning review following the screening and as part of the initial evaluation at free-standing, non-hospital, evaluation and treatment facilities. The assessment is not required during crisis interventions or ITA investigations.
    - 2.3.1 The quadrant placements are defined as:
      - 2.3.1.1 Less severe mental health disorder/less severe substance disorder
      - 2.3.1.2 More severe mental health disorder/less severe substance disorder
      - 2.3.1.3 Less severe mental health disorder/more severe substance disorder
      - 2.3.1.4 More severe mental health disorder/more severe substance disorder
  - 2.4. The quadrant placement must be reported to the MHD through the CIS system.

### **Monitoring**

This policy to be monitored through the annual provider monitoring with appropriate recommendations, findings or corrective actions required in performance improvement projects.

MHD shall establish contractual penalties to contracted treatment providers, the regional support networks, and their contracted providers for failure to implement the integrated screening and assessment process by July 1, 2007.