

 <p>SPOKANE COUNTY Regional Support Network Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan</p>	Policy Title: Administrative Policy on the Involuntary Treatment Act		Policy # CSI-10
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Applies to:

Internal External

References

RCW 71.05
RCW 71.34
WAC 388-865-0245
WAC 388-865-0260
MHD Protocols, including Sample Documents

Scope

SCRSN/PIHP and its contracted providers.

Policy

SCRSN/PIHP subcontractors shall adhere to the policy on the Involuntary Treatment Act.

Procedures/Mechanisms

1. SCRSN/PIHP will require that network providers comply with the designation of mental health professionals to perform the duties of involuntary investigation and detention shall be the responsibility of the individual county governing bodies in accordance with the requirements of chapter 71.05 and 71.34 RCW.
 - 1.1 Crisis Services is a contracted service which is charged with the responsibility of implementing the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA), RCW 71.05 and RCW 71.34 (Mental Health Services for Minors), 24 hours per day.
 - 1.2 Designated Mental Health Professionals are experienced, knowledgeable and trained in investigating and evaluating persons with mental disorders to determine the necessity of commitment to psychiatric treatment facilities and to ensure transportation issues and court related responsibilities are completed. DMHP status is reviewed annually through contract monitoring. Designation is applied for and granted upon the completion of training or certification of qualifications submitted to the SCRSN.
2. The SCRSN contracted provider must document the compliance of clients in their service area with the conditions of less restrictive alternative court orders by:

- 2.1 Conducting periodic evaluations of each committed individual for release from or continuation of an involuntary treatment order. Evaluations must be recorded in the clinical record, and must occur at least monthly for ninety and one hundred and eighty-day commitments.
 - 2.2 A DMHP must be notified if noncompliance with the less restrictive order impairs the individual sufficiently to warrant detention or evaluation for detention and petitioning for revocation of the less restrictive alternative court order.
3. The SCRSN network provider must ensure that when a peace officer or DMHP escorts an individual to a facility, the DMHP must take reasonable precautions to safeguard the individual's property including:
 - 3.1 Safeguarding the individual's property in the immediate vicinity of the point of apprehension;
 - 3.2 Safeguarding belongings not in the immediate vicinity if there may be possible danger to those belongings;
 - 3.3 Taking reasonable precautions to lock and otherwise secure the individual's home or other property as soon as possible after the individual's initial detention.
 4. The contracted provider follows the protocols for "Designated Mental Health Professionals" of the MHD or its successors at a minimum.

Monitoring

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