



Probation Service Definition

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

SERVICE NAME	Initial Diagnostic Interview (Medication Prescriber Only) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Evaluation
Setting	Professional office environment, clinic, mental health substance use center, private practice or teleservice appropriate to the provision of medication assessment services.
Facility License	As required by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Division of Public Health.
Service Description	An Initial Diagnostic Interview (Medication Prescriber Only) consists of an evaluation by a prescriber to determine an individual’s need for psychotherapeutic medication, to provide prescription(s) as appropriate and determine the plan to monitor those medications through ongoing Medication Management (as needed).
Service Expectations	<p>This service will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical evaluation of the individual’s need for pharmacological intervention to address psychiatric/mental health symptoms. • Identification of psychotherapeutic medication(s) that will help stabilize an individual’s behavioral health symptoms. • Prescription of medications will include consideration of allergies, substance use, current medications, medical history, physical status and other pertinent information. • Plans for routine monitoring of the medication’s effectiveness and side effects, including lab work (if required). • Inform the individual about prescribed medication and side effects so s/he can effectively participate in decisions concerning treatment. • If clinically necessary, the practitioner (upon permission from the individual) shall communicate with current/former providers, as appropriate, to coordinate services. • Services must be trauma informed, culturally sensitive, age and developmentally appropriate and incorporate evidence-based practices when appropriate.
Service Frequency	The Initial Diagnostic Interview (Medication Prescriber Only) is completed the at start of services with a prescriber.

	Ongoing Medication Management appointments are used to monitor the effectiveness of prescribed psychotherapeutic medications and to make any needed adjustments.
Length of Stay	As long as deemed clinically necessary and the individual continues to consent.
Staffing	A prescribing medical professional must maintain a current license as directed by Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)-Division of Public Health: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician/Medical Doctor (MD) • Advanced Practice Registered Nurse-Nurse Practitioner (APRN-NP) • Physician Assistant
Staff to Client Ratio	As per physician or approved designee caseload
Hours of Operation	Providers are expected to be flexible in scheduling and be available evenings and/or weekends to accommodate the service needs.
Service Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If appropriate, prescription for psychotherapeutic medication(s) • Education pertaining to the medication to support the individual in making an informed decision on the use of medication(s) • Plan to monitor effectiveness of prescribed medication(s) • The individual will experience stabilization/resolution of psychiatric symptoms for which the medication was intended as an intervention.
Unit and Rate	Per session; see rate sheet