



Probation Service Definition

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF PROBATION

SERVICE NAME	Mental Health Evaluation (Pre-Treatment/Biopsychosocial Assessment) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
Category	Evaluation
Setting	Professional office environment, clinic, mental health substance use center, private practice, teleservice or other setting appropriate to the provision of evaluation/assessment services.
Facility License	As required by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Division of Public Health.
Service Description	A Mental Health Evaluation is a clinical, strengths-based evaluation of an individual experiencing mental health symptoms. The Mental Health Evaluation is a process of gathering information to assess client functioning and needs based on identification of the presenting problem, evaluation of mental status, formulation of a diagnostic impression (as applicable) and recommendation for treatment services/strategies. The Mental Health Evaluation will include a mental health diagnostic impression (as applicable), history of mental health symptoms, trauma history/symptoms, criminogenic risk, risk of harm to self and/or others, the individual’s perception of the situation and collateral information. Based on the evaluation, recommendations are provided and justified for appropriate behavioral health services and treatment. The Mental Health Evaluation may include a recommendation for further psychological testing, if supported.
Service Expectations	A Mental Health Evaluation is completed by an appropriately licensed behavioral health professional and includes the following areas during the clinical interview and in the narrative report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting problem and goals described by client and collateral contacts • Social history and environmental influences • Family dynamics, including demographic information, historical information and treatment history • Mental health history, including symptoms, diagnoses, treatment interventions/outcomes, including psychotherapeutic medication • Academic, intellectual and vocational history, including IQ, learning disabilities/behavioral disorders, interventions and outcomes • Medical history, including development, prenatal/birth/developmental milestones, history of illnesses/injuries/conditions, chronic conditions, medications taken, sexual development, menstrual history, pregnancies and births or fathered children

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal history, including offenses against the client, history and current legal status • Offender issues, including incarceration, probation, violence to person or property • Victim issues, including neglect and emotional, verbal, physical or sexual assault or abuse • Substance use history, including personal use, family history and treatment history • Personal assets and liabilities, including strengths and current barriers to success • Collateral information from at least two (2) sources • Mental status exam and diagnosis, including appearance, motor level, speech, affect, thought content, thought processes, perception, major themes discussed by the client, global evaluation of intellect, insight and a mini-mental status exam • Diagnostic impression and findings (if applicable), including amenability to treatment, internal motivation and justification for diagnosis/diagnoses or lack thereof. • Recommendations, including treatment needs/needed interventions, barriers to the recommendations, client response to the recommendations, identification of who needs to be involved in the client’s treatment, treatment plan that includes transitioning to lower levels of care/discharge planning, a means to evaluate the client’s progress during treatment and measure outcomes at discharge, recommended linkages with community resources and any areas for further evaluation <p>Approved Reporting Format: The Mental Health Evaluation written report must be provided in the Probation-approved reporting format only as detailed on the appropriate evaluation worksheet.</p>
Service Frequency	The evaluation interview will take one to two (1 to 2) hours and will usually occur one time.
Length of Stay	Full evaluation, collateral information, and written narrative summary/evaluation report completed within thirty (30) working days of initial contact with the individual. Court-ordered evaluations must be completed and sent to the probation/problem-solving court staff member within the timeframe set by the Court.
Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician • Physician Assistant (PA) • Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN-NP) • Licensed Psychologist • Provisionally Licensed Psychologist • Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner (LIMHP) • Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (LMHP) • Provisionally Licensed Mental Health Practitioner (PLMHP)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All providers must hold a current, valid Nebraska license through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) – Division of Public Health and must act within their scope of practice. • All providers must be trained in trauma-informed care, recovery principles and crisis management
Staff to Client Ratio	1 clinician : 1 client
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	The evaluation will identify any mental health diagnoses and provide recommendations for currently needed behavioral health services to treat/stabilize the presenting mental health symptoms.
Unit and Rate	Per evaluation; see rate sheet