



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

Service Interpretive Guidelines **Partial Hospitalization**

SERVICE DEFINITION:

Partial hospitalization is a hospital-based treatment services that is not as intense as acute inpatient hospitalization, it is the next level down in regard to services. The level of intensity is similar to inpatient services, but on less than a 24-hour basis. These services include a therapeutic environment, nursing services, psychiatric evaluation, medication management, group, individual and family therapy. Typically, the youth poses a significant danger to self or others, or displays severe psychosocial dysfunction.

Partial hospital treatment may be appropriate when a youth does not require the more restrictive and intensive environment of a 24-hour inpatient or residential setting, but a minimum of six hours of therapeutic services each day.

TARGET POPULATION:

This service is utilized for a youth who has a history of mental health issues currently experiencing significant symptoms that does not require hospitalization but requires more intensive services than intensive outpatient (IOP) or day treatment.

PROBATION/PROBLEM SOLVING COURT OFFICER (OFFICER) RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Officer will utilize this service in the event a youth is in imminent danger (suicidal or homicidal) to self or others, the officer, or another individual, would contact local law enforcement for the determination of an assessment for admission into the hospital. Partial hospitalization can be used both as a transitional level of care (e.g., step-down from inpatient or residential treatment) as well as a stand-alone level of care to stabilize a deteriorating condition and avert hospitalization or residential treatment.
- Officer makes contact by phone daily with the hospital for updates on treatment plan, goals and discharge.
- Officer notifies all interested parties of any placement change.
- Officer will attend any meetings initiated by the hospital staff; this will assist in maintaining family engagement.
- Officer will complete engagements outlining admission, treatment and discharge.
- Officer will work with the provider to determine plans after discharge. The written discharge plan will include:

- Follow up appointments scheduled in conjunction with family
- Community supports and resources for the youth/family
- Consultation with community agencies on behalf of or in conjunction with the youth/family
- Written safety plan from the hospital
- Upload all documents to the information management system.