

YES Waiver Criteria

In order to be eligible for the YES Waiver, the client must meet the criteria listed below.

A. The client must score at the identified levels on the following CANS domain:

Select one response from the following domains:			
Life Domain Functioning			
	Developmental Score of 0 or 1 OR		
	Developmental Score of 2 or 3 AND	Developmental Needs Module: Cognitive Score of 0, 1 or 2 AND	Developmental Needs Module: Developmental Score of 0 or 1

B. The client must score at the identified levels on **one or more** of the following CANS domains:

Select at least one response from one or more of the following domains:			
Child Risk Behaviors (either of these risk behaviors)			
Score of 3 for Suicide Risk OR Self-Mutilation OR Other Self Harm			
Score of 2 or 3 for Danger to Others OR Sexual Aggression OR Fire Setting OR Delinquency			
Caregiver Strengths and Needs			
Score of 2 or 3 for Involvement with Care OR Family Stress OR Safety			
Life Domain Functioning			
	Score of 2 or 3 for School AND	Score of 2 or 3 on School Module: School Behavior OR	
		Score of 2 or 3 on School Module: Attendance	
Psychiatric Hospitalization			
	Score of 1 for Psychiatric Hospitalization AND	Score of 1, 2 or 3 on Psychiatric Hospitalization Module: Time Since Most Recent Discharge	

C. Outpatient therapy or partial hospitalization must have been attempted and failed OR a psychiatrist must have documented reasons why an inpatient level of care is required.

D. The Medicaid eligible youth must meet at least one of the criteria for acute psychiatric hospitalization.

- 1) The Medicaid eligible individual is presently a danger to self, demonstrated by at least one of the following:
 - Recent suicide attempt or active suicidal threats with a deadly plan and an absence of appropriate supervision or structure to prevent suicide;
 - Recent self-mutilative behavior or active threats of same with likelihood of acting on the threat and an absence of appropriate supervision or structure to prevent self-mutilation (i.e., intentionally cutting / burning self);

- Active hallucinations or delusions directing or likely to lead to serious self-harm or debilitating psychomotor agitation or retardation resulting in a significant inability to care of self; or
- Significant inability to comply with prescribed medical health regimens due to concurrent Axis I psychiatric illness and such failure to comply is potentially hazardous to the life of the individual. A medical diagnosis of Axis III which must be treatable in a psychiatric setting.

2) The Medicaid eligible individual is a danger to others. This behavior should be attributable to the individual's specific Axis I, DSM-IV-TR diagnosis and can be adequately treated only in a hospital setting. This danger is demonstrated by one of the following:

- Recent life-threatening action or active homicidal threats of same with a deadly plan and availability of means to accomplish the plan with the likelihood of acting on the threat;
- Recent serious assaultive or sadistic behavior or active threats of same with the likelihood of acting on the threat and an absence of appropriate supervision or structure to prevent assaultive behavior; or
- Active hallucinations or delusions directing or likely to lead to serious harm of others.

3) The Medicaid eligible individual exhibits acute onset of psychosis or severe thought disorientation, or there is significant clinical deterioration in the condition of someone with chronic psychosis rendering the child or adolescent unmanageable and unable to cooperate in treatment, and the individual is in need of assessment and treatment in a safe and therapeutic setting.

4) The Medicaid eligible individual has a severe eating or substance abuse disorder, which requires 24-hours-a-day medical observation, supervision, and intervention. .

5) The proposed treatment / therapy require 24-hours-a-day medical observation, supervision, and intervention.

6) The Medicaid eligible individual exhibits severe disorientation to person, place, or time.

7) The Medicaid eligible individual's evaluation and treatment cannot be carried out safely or effectively in other settings due to severely disruptive behaviors, and other behaviors which may include physical, psychological, or sexual abuse.

8) Medicaid eligible individual requires medication therapy, or complex diagnostic evaluation where the individual's level of functioning precludes cooperation with the treatment regimen.

E. The Medicaid eligible youth must have a valid Axis I diagnosis as the principal admitting diagnosis.