**Section 1250.2240 Accessibility**

a) Criteria #1: Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services should be accessible to all clients regardless of their ability to pay and without discrimination.

b) Standard #1: Each provider of Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services in each Health Service Area should not deny admission to any client, based upon the client's source of reimbursement.

c) Data Factor: An explicit written statement of Board policy from each provider of Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services.

d) Standard #2: Each provider of Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services should not deny admission to any client on the basis of race, creed or sex.

e) Data Factor: A copy of the facility's anti-discrimination policy.

f) Criteria #2: Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services should be geographically accessible to all residents/clients requiring treatment for such services within each Health Service Area.

g) Standard #1: Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services should be available within 60 minutes travel time under normal driving conditions to 90% of the population of each Health Service Area. The entire geographic area of the State should be covered when circles are drawn with a radius of:

1) Twenty (20) miles in the geographic area of Cook County, with the location of each facility providing Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services at the center of a circle.

2) Forty-five (45) miles in the remainder of the State (excluding Cook County), with the location of each facility providing Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services at the center of a circle.

h) Data Factor: The location of all facilities providing Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services.

i) Criteria #3: Each provider of Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services shall be responsive to the needs of special underserved populations.

j) Standard #1: Each facility providing Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services shall be in compliance with all applicable federal, state and local standards which address the elimination of architectural barriers to the handicapped.

k) Data Factor: A copy of the most recent, applicable licensure or accreditation survey for each provider of Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services.

l) Standard #2: Each provider of Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services shall make evaluations and admissions without respect to the client's status under the Illinois Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Code. (Ill. Rev. Stat. 1981, ch. 81½, pars. 1-100 et. seq.)

m) Data Factors:

1) The number of INVOLUNTARY admissions per facility (for the last 12 month period for which data is available).

2) A copy of each provider's admission policies for admission and evaluation of Involuntary patients.

n) Criteria #4: All facilities providing Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services should be accessible to any cultural and/or linguistic minority population(s) within the facility's Service Area (or Health Service Area).

o) Standard #1: Facilities providing Acute Mental Illness Treatment Services should have the programmatic capacity to communicate with clients and their families who are not able to communicate. The program may meet this standard by either having staff who are bi-lingual; by developing arrangements with persons or groups in the community to provide translation services or by utilizing pre-printed materials or audio-visual aids. Facilities should be cognizant of the existence of special population groups (Hispanic, etc.) within their service area and, at a minimum, meet the standards for these groups.

p) Data Factors:

1) The ethnic composition of the population within the service area of the facility (census data from Illinois Bureau of the Budget).

2) The ability of staff to communicate on a multi-lingual basis either thru translation or thru the use of pre-printed materials or audio-visual aids.

3) The existence of written agreements with individuals or groups within the community for provision of translation services.

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