
CHAPTER 15: PSYCHOLOGICAL BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

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In order to be eligible for PBS, a Medicaid recipient must be under the age of 21 and meet one of the following criteria:

- Have a current version Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) diagnosis in the spectrum of Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) according to a clinically appropriate diagnostic screening tool or other assessment; or
- Have an impaired functional status that can be addressed by psychological treatment on an instrument or other assessment of individual functioning that is appropriate for individuals with developmental disabilities; or
- Engage in behaviors so disruptive or dangerous that harm to others is likely (e.g., hurts or attempts to hurt others, such as hitting, biting, throwing things at others, using or threatening to use a weapon or dangerous object). Behaviors must be recurrent, not a single instance; or
- Engage in behaviors that have resulted in actual physical harm to the child himself/herself, such as bruising, lacerations or other tissue damage, or would result in physical harm if the child was not physically restrained. Behaviors must be recurrent, not a single instance. Behaviors are not the result of clinically suicidal intent.