

Pay for Performance Indicators for Children's Behavioral Health
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OMHSAS has initiated a Pay for Performance process for the Behavioral Health Managed Care Organizations. In the first year (2008), the following indicators have been selected:

- Performance indicators related to the provision of follow-up services within 7 days and within 30 day after discharge from psychiatric hospital care, and
- Performance indicators related to readmission to psychiatric hospital care.

Two additional indicators have been identified for development and testing during 2008 for possible inclusion in 2009. For children and youth, there will be an indicator for RTF utilization.

A Steering Committee has been developed to assist OMHSAS in the Pay for Performance process. The Steering Committee is tasked with operationally defining and developing the methodology for pilot testing the potential indicators.

A work group, which has been identified to focus on the RTF Utilization indicator, met on December 19, 2007.

Several options were considered including reducing the use, identifying best practice, eliminating restraint, and measuring outcomes.

Since there is only one indicator than can be selected, the work group decided tentatively to consider family involvement.

Several measurement factors were identified:

- Family visits with the youth at the facility within 7 days of admission, and within 30 days of admission,
- Family involvement in the treatment plan at the facility (signing the plan),
- Measuring the number of visits by the family,
- Measuring the number of contacts or attempted contacts by the family,
- Measuring the number of staff contacts with the family.

The Work Group will meet again on February 14, 2008. Feedback from the OMHSAS Advisory Committeel prior to that meeting is encouraged.