COMMUNITY LIVING disABILITY SERVICES

Subject: Support Services: Funding Supports – Crisis Funding

ADULT DISABILITY SERVICES

PURPOSE

Crisis Funding provides short-term, individualized support to individuals with a mental disability who are living in the community and experiencing crisis. The funding is designed to provide immediate supports pending the development and implementation of longer term plans (refer to Crisis Intervention - Section C111).

DESCRIPTION

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Crisis Funding is restricted to individuals in community-based residential or day services:

- 1. where the physical safety and well-being of the individual and of those around him/her is at immediate risk;
- 2. where the health/medical status of the individual cannot be managed within the existing residential or day service situation;
- 3. where the individual's continuation in the residential or day service is in immediate jeopardy; or
- 4. where the day service attendance of an individual residing in an agency operated Residential Care Facility is temporarily interrupted during a time when the facility is not funded to provide staff coverage.

The following circumstances are not valid expenditures for Crisis Funding:

- 1. implementation costs of a planned service prior to its authorization;
- 2. services which are required regularly and predictably (e.g. statutory holiday coverage);
- 3. short-term replacement of existing services (e.g. vacation relief);
- 4. expenditures which should be accessed from other resources (e.g. Employment and Income Assistance); and
- 5. expenditures which are covered by other funding sources (e.g. staffing provision for medical appointments which is included in the Residential Services per diem).

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Support Available

Crisis Funding may be approved by the Regional Program Manager for a short period of time, unless a longer time period has been approved by the Admissions Approval and Prioritization of Funding Committee. Refer to Appendix A for a sample invoice to be used by external agencies, service providers and suppliers.

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