California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 9, Division 1, Article 2.

Provision of Services

§ 1830.205. Medical Necessity Criteria for MHP Reimbursement of Specialty Mental Health Services.

(a) The following medical necessity criteria determine Medi-Cal reimbursement for specialty mental health services that are the responsibility of the MHP under this Subchapter, except as specifically provided.

(b) The beneficiary must meet criteria outlined in Subsections (1)-(3) below to be eligible for services:

(1) Have one of the following diagnoses in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, DSM-IV™, Fourth Edition (1994), published by the American Psychiatric Association:
   (A) Pervasive Developmental Disorders, except Autistic Disorders
   (B) Disruptive Behavior and Attention Deficit Disorders
   (C) Feeding and Eating Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood
   (D) Elimination Disorders
   (E) Other Disorders of Infancy, Childhood, or Adolescence
   (F) Schizophrenia and other Psychotic Disorders, except Psychotic Disorders due to a General Medical Condition
   (G) Mood Disorders, except Mood Disorders due to a General Medical Condition
   (H) Anxiety Disorders, except Anxiety Disorders due to a General Medical Condition
   (I) Somatoform Disorders
   (J) Factitious Disorders
   (K) Dissociative Disorders
   (L) Paraphilias
   (M) Gender Identity Disorder
   (N) Eating Disorders
   (O) Impulse Control Disorders Not Elsewhere Classified
   (P) Adjustment Disorders
   (Q) Personality Disorders, excluding Antisocial Personality Disorder
   (R) Medication-Induced Movement Disorders related to other included diagnoses.

(2) Have at least one of the following impairments as a result of the mental disorder(s) listed in Subsection (b)(1) above:
   (A) A significant impairment in an important area of life functioning.
   (B) A reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning.
   (C) Except as provided in Section 1830.210, a reasonable probability a child will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate. For the purpose of this Section, a child is a person under the age of 21 years.
(3) Meet each of the intervention criteria listed below:

(A) The focus of the proposed intervention is to address the condition identified in Subsection (b)(2) above.

(B) The expectation is that the proposed intervention will:
1. Significantly diminish the impairment, or
2. Prevent significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning, or
3. Except as provided in Section 1830.210, allow the child to progress developmentally as individually appropriate.
4. For a child who meets the criteria of Section 1830.210(1), meet the criteria of Section 1830.210(b) and (c).

(C) The condition would not be responsive to physical health care based treatment.

(c) When the requirements of this Section or Section 1830.210 are met, beneficiaries shall receive specialty mental health services for a diagnosis included in Subsection (b)(1) even if a diagnosis that is not included in Subsection (b)(1) is also present.