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| PREVIOUS MEDICAL NECESSITY DEFINITIONS | CalAIM INITIATIVE MEDICAL NECESSITY |
| 1. Included Diagnosis   The beneficiary meets DSM criteria for an included ICD diagnosis for outpatient SMHS  2) Impairment as a result of the mental disorder or emotional disturbance (at least one)  1. A significant impairment in an important area of functioning.  2. A probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning.  3. A probability that the child will not progress developmentally as individually appropriate  4. For full-scope MC beneficiaries under the age of 21 years, a condition as a result of the mental disorder or emotional disturbance that SMHS can correct or ameliorate.  3) Intervention(s):   1. For full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 21, a condition as a result of the mental health disorder or emotional disturbance that the SMHS can correct or ameliorate. 2. The expectation is that the proposed and actual intervention (s) will do at least one of the following; 3. Significantly diminish the impairment 4. Prevent significant deterioration in an important life functioning 5. Allow the child to progress developmentally as individually appropriate 6. For full-scope Medi-Cal beneficiaries under the age of 21, correct or ameliorate the condition 7. The condition would not be responsive to physical health care based treatment. | **Beneficiaries 21+**   1. Beneficiary has one or both:  * Significant impairment, where impairment is defined as distress, disability, or dysfunction in social, occupational, or other important activities.   AND/OR   * A reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life function.  1. AND the condition is due to either:  * A diagnosed mental health disorder, according to the criteria of the DSM and the ICD.   OR   * A suspected mental disorder not yet diagnosed.   **Beneficiaries under 21**  Criteria 1: The beneficiary has a condition placing them at high risk for a mental health disorder due to experience of trauma evidence by:   * + 1. Scoring in the high-risk range under a trauma screening tool approved by the department     2. Involvement in the child welfare system     3. Juvenile justice involvement     4. Experiencing homelessness   OR  Criteria 2: The beneficiary meets both of the following requirements:   1. The beneficiary has **at least one** of the following:  * A significant impairment AND/OR * A reasonable probability of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning AND/OR * A reasonable probability of not progressing developmentally as appropriate AND/OR * A need for specialty mental health services, regardless of presence of impairment, that are not included within the mental health benefits that a Medi-Cal managed care plan is required to.   AND   1. The beneficiary’s condition as described above is due to **one of the following:**  * A diagnosed mental health disorder, according to the criteria of the current editions of the DSM and the ICD-10 classifications. OR * A suspected mental health disorder that has not yet been diagnosed AND/OR * Significant trauma placing the beneficiary at risk of a future mental health condition, based on the assessment of a licensed mental health professional. |