

Excerpts from Title 9

1810.208. Crisis Residential Treatment Service.

“Crisis Residential Treatment Service” means therapeutic or rehabilitative services provided in a non-institutional residential setting which provides a structured program as an alternative to hospitalization for beneficiaries experiencing an acute psychiatric episode or crisis who do not have medical complications requiring nursing care. The service includes a range of activities and services that support beneficiaries in their efforts to restore, maintain, and apply interpersonal and independent living skills, and to access community support systems. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Service activities may include but are not limited to assessment, plan development, therapy, rehabilitation, collateral, and crisis intervention.

NOTE: Authority: Section 14680, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 5777, 14021.4, and 14684, Welfare and Institutions Code.

1810.210. Crisis Stabilization.

“Crisis Stabilization” means a service lasting less than 24 hours, to or on behalf of a beneficiary for a condition that requires more timely response than a regularly scheduled visit. Service activities include but are not limited to one or more of the following: assessment, collateral and therapy. Crisis stabilization is distinguished from crisis intervention by being delivered by providers who do meet the crisis stabilization contact, site, and staffing requirements described in Sections 1840.338 and 1840.348.

NOTE: Authority: Section 14680, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Sections 5777, 14021.4, and 14684, Welfare and Institutions Code.

1840.348. Crisis Stabilization Staffing Requirements.

(a) A physician shall be on call at all times for the provision of those Crisis Stabilization Services that may only be provided by a physician. (b) There shall be a minimum of one Registered Nurse, Psychiatric Technician, or Licensed Vocational Nurse on site at all times beneficiaries are present.

(c) At a minimum there shall be a ratio of at least one licensed mental health or waived/registered professional on site for each four beneficiaries or other patients receiving Crisis Stabilization at any given time.

(d) If the beneficiary is evaluated as needing service activities that can only be provided by a specific type of licensed professional, such persons shall be available.

(e) Other persons may be utilized by the program, according to need.

(f) If Crisis Stabilization services are co-located with other specialty mental health services, persons providing Crisis Stabilization must be separate and distinct from persons providing other services.

(g) Persons included in required Crisis Stabilization ratios and minimums may not be counted toward meeting ratios and minimums for other services.

NOTE: Authority: Section 14680, Welfare and Institutions Code. Reference: Section 5778, Welfare and Institutions Code.