



Greater Columbia Behavioral Health

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EPSDT Implementation Individual Service Teams (IST)

Recent changes to the RSN –MHD contract necessitate revisions in how services to certain children are provided. The following information is provided to explain how these changes will impact the community providers.

What children are affected? (EPSDT defines children as all Medicaid eligible consumers under the age of 21)

Children who are authorized to receive mental health services and who are involved with one or more of the following:

- Children's Administration
- Division of Developmental Disabilities
- Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration/Department of Corrections
- diagnosed with substance abuse or addiction;
- receiving special education services; or,
- have chronic and disabling medical condition.

What must be provided to each involved child?

Each child must be provided Level II services and must be provided with an Individual Service team (IST).

- The IST must include, but is not limited to, representatives from education, child welfare, mental health, drug and alcohol, developmental disabilities and juvenile justice as appropriate.
 - The child must be included if 13 or older.
 - Younger children may be included if the IST agrees.
- The IST need not meet in person but the provider must coordinate and include reports or other documentation to support involvement in a cross-system individual service plan. Where possible and when necessary, the teams should meet in person to develop plans

- From the input gathered from the IST, a cross-system individual service plan must be developed.
 - The Plan must address not just Medicaid reimbursable services, but all the needs of the child and family across all life areas including when appropriate:
 - Residential needs;
 - Family needs;
 - Social needs;
 - Medical needs
 - The individual service plan must clearly identify which system is responsible for each identified need.

GCBH will be monitoring compliance with this standard as part of their annual provider audits. (See CRRT, ITP/ITCP, #28 and Provision of Services, #49).