

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: California

CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

- I. The State mental health or intellectual disability authority may make categorical determinations as to whether nursing facility (NF) level of services are needed under the categories below, pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.130 (b)(1), (c), (d), and (e).
 - A. BRIEF STAY (Time limited)
 1. Provisional admissions pending further assessment in emergency situations requiring protective services, with placement in a nursing facility not to exceed 6 days.
 2. Finite stays of less than 15 days to provide respite to in-home caregivers to whom the individual with serious mental illness or Intellectual Disability, Developmental Disability and/or Related Conditions is expected to return following the brief NF stay.
 - B. DELIRIUM:
Provisional admissions pending further assessment in cases of delirium where accurate diagnosis cannot be made until the delirium clears. The individual must have a primary diagnosis of delirium, as defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.
 - C. SEVERE PHYSICAL ILLNESS:
There is a severe physical condition such as coma, ventilator dependence, or neurocognitive disorder (dementia) that prevents the individual from engaging with others, communicating effectively, and/or participating in mental health care.
 - D. TERMINAL ILLNESS:
The individual has a terminal illness that is currently being treated under palliative, comfort, or hospice care.

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