Policy

Residential Status of Persons Receiving Behavioral Health Services from the Salt Lake County Local Authority

STATUORY AUTHORITY

Pursuant to UCA 17-43-201/301 each Local Behavioral Health Authority (mental health and substance use disorders) is required to develop, plan and provide behavioral health services to the residents of its county. Pursuant to UCA 17-43-204 and17-43-306 each local authority shall charge a fee for services it renders and is allowed to charge for the services it provides to a person who resides within the jurisdiction of another behavioral health authority. In addition, pursuant to UCA 62A-15-108, the state Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health shall develop a formula for the allocation of state and federal funds based on need and population. Utah Administrative Rule R544-1-2 further clarifies the allocation formula and indicates that the population of the Local Behavioral Health Authority area will be the basis of the allocation.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Salt Lake County Local Behavioral Health Authority that in order to receive services through Salt Lake County's behavioral health system:

- An individual must be a resident of Salt Lake County 90 days prior to admission to services
- For persons under 18, residency of the minors' legal guardian must meet the same 90 day requirement.
- Possession of an active Salt Lake County Medicaid card satisfies the residency requirement.
- Services to transients are exempt from this policy, as long as there is adequate documentation to demonstrate that the client is homeless.
- Exceptions to this policy will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Salt Lake County Division of Behavioral Health Services.
- Any person requesting behavioral health services in Salt Lake County may be asked to document residency.
- Examples of proof of residency include: proof of employment, mail with mailing address, drivers license or State issued ID card.

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