

Service Name: Pharmacy and Lab

Service Definition

Pharmacy & Lab Services include operating/purchasing services to order, package, and distribute prescription medications. It includes provision of assistance to access indigent medication programs, sample medication programs and payment for necessary medications when no other fund source is available. This service provides for appropriate lab work, such as drug screens and medication levels, to be performed. This service ensures that necessary medication/lab services are not withheld/delayed based on inability to pay.

Admission Criteria

Individual has been assessed by a prescribing professional to need a psychotropic, anti-cholinergic, substance use disorder-specific, or anti-convulsant (as related to behavioral health issue) medication and/or lab work required for persons entering services, and/or monitoring medication levels.

Continuing Stay Criteria

Individual continues to meet the admission criteria as determined by the prescribing professional.

Discharge Criteria

1. Individual no longer demonstrates symptoms that are likely to respond to or are responding to pharmacologic interventions; or
2. Individual requests discharge and individual is not imminently dangerous or under court order for this intervention.

Required Components

1. Service must be provided by a licensed pharmacy or through contract with a licensed pharmacy.
2. Agency must participate in any pharmaceutical rebate programs or pharmacy assistance programs that promote individual access in obtaining medication.
3. Providers shall refer all individuals who have an inability to pay for medications or services to the local county offices of the Division of Family and Children Services for the purposes of determining Medicaid eligibility.

Additional Medicaid Requirements

Not a DBHDD Medicaid service. Medicaid recipients may access the general Medicaid pharmacy program as prescribed by the Department of Community Health.