

San Diego County Mental Health Severity Screening



*For new clients who are accessing services; not individuals already connected with a provider

Service Provider	Indicators
Specialty Mental Health Services Provided by the County Mental Health Plan Contact the San Diego County Access & Crisis Line at (888) 724-7240 A member may access a County Behavioral Health Program directly For an emergency, call 911	If any of the following indicators of serious impairment/disturbance in mood, behavior, and/or psychosocial functioning are met, the member may be referred for Specialty Mental Health Services through the County.
	€ Acute risk of harm to self or others
	€ Psychotic symptoms (delusions, hallucinations, paranoia)
	€ Marked cognitive impairment (confusion, disordered thinking, poor concentration)
	€ Impulsive, reckless, aggressive behavior with marked decline in self-control
	€ Serious incapacitation or unable to perform key roles and/or usual daily activities, such as work, school, household tasks, or self-care
	€ Repeated psychiatric hospitalizations
	€ History of a serious suicide attempt or injury to others
	€ Appears to need on-going case management or therapy
	€ On LPS Conservatorship
	€ Symptoms of chronic mental health condition(s) are significantly exacerbated by new life stressors or circumstances
Behavioral Health	If any of the following indicators of mild to moderate impairment/
Services Provided by the Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan* Contact the appropriate Health Plan below	disturbance in mood, behavior, and/or psychosocial functioning are met, the member may be referred to their Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plan
	€ In need of behavioral health treatment due to a situational issue such as loss, break up, major life changes
	€ Isolation or substantial disruption in relationships with family, friends, or other social supports, resulting in extreme distress
	€ Excessive truancy or suddenly failing school
	€ Symptoms are likely to be resolved in 6 months or less with psychotherapy
	€ Member has been stable on psychotropic medications for 1 year or longer and requires medication management only

*TO REACH A PLAN REPRESENTATIVE













