
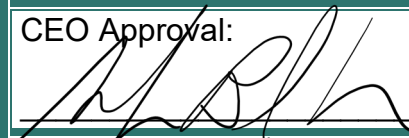


Policy Title: Priority Population Eligibility		
Department: Contracts		
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**POLICY:**

It is the policy of Central Florida Cares Health System, Inc. (CFCHS) that all persons funded by the Florida Department of Children and Families (Department) meet priority population criteria.

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure Subcontractors verify that persons who receive substance abuse and mental health services (SAMH) funded by the Department meet the priority populations approved by the Florida Legislature per section 394.674, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

**RELATED POLICIES:** Payer of Last Resort and Financial Eligibility

**PROCEDURES:**

1. CFCHS ensures persons served are eligible according to priority population criteria defined in the Department’s Pamphlet (PAM) 155-2 and section 394.674, F.S.
  - a. Mental Health (MH) outcomes must be completed on all persons whose services are paid for, in whole or in part, by state Mental Health (MH) dollars or local match and delivered by an agency with a SAMH contract. The measures are collected at admission, quarterly following admission, and at discharge. For example, if a person is admitted on Oct. 1, the evaluation dates would be Oct. 1, Jan. 1, Apr. 1, Jul. 1, etc., until the discharge date, at which time a final evaluation will be completed. There is a thirty (30) day period, both prior to and following the evaluation due date, for completing the form.
  - b. Subcontractors with SAMH contracts report Substance Use outcomes for all persons receiving reportable client-specific service events associated with the Substance Use program area that are paid for, in whole or in part, by state Substance Use dollars or local match. Substance Use outcomes are reported at initiation (during initial evaluation) and at discharge from a Substance Use episode of care.
2. Subcontractors are required to review eligibility requirements outlined in the DCF Chart 8 system for each Other Cost Accumulator (OCA) funding their contract.
3. CFCHS verifies compliance with eligibility requirements by utilizing the appropriate validation tools during monitoring activities.