

“Safety Supervision” Service Definition

Safety Supervision is a service that provides additional supervision and monitoring of an individual when required to ensure that a consumer with a high risk of dangerous behavior follows an individualized safety plan that minimizes the risk of harm to the consumer and/or other persons. The service adheres to the principle of community integration while ensuring the well being of the consumer and the community at large. This service is ancillary to other residential support services. The service does not include additional ancillary services such as Targeted Case Management.

Authorization Guidelines for Safety Supervision:

1. The consumer is documented to pose a high risk to self or others for serious behavioral harm that cannot be adequately managed through residential support and treatment services.
2. The consumer has a comprehensive, individualized safety plan that identifies the risk(s) posed to self and/or others and describes specific interventions that will minimize those risks.
3. The service provider presents a written *Plan for the Provision of Safety Supervision* that is reasonably expected to mitigate the consumer's risk of harm to self and/or others.
4. Utilization Management:
 - a. Initial authorization of Safety Supervision is based on a determination that alternative available supports and services are inadequate to allow the consumer to live in the community outside of an institutional placement, and that the provider's plan for Safety Supervision is reasonably expected to mitigate the consumer's risk of harm to self and/or others. The initial authorization may be for a period of up to 180 days.
 - b. Continued authorization of the service must occur no less than every 180 days based on findings of:
 - i. Continued high risk of consumer harm to self and/or others
 - ii. The absence of alternative supports or services to adequately manage safety risks
 - iii. Demonstration that Safety Supervision has been successful in mitigating the risk of harm to self and/or others.
 - c. Discontinuation of authorization of the service is based on one or more of the following:
 - i. The consumer no longer poses a high risk of harm to self and/or others
 - ii. Alternative supports or services are available to adequately manage the risk of harm to self and/or others
 - iii. A determination has been made that the consumer's risk of serious harm to self and/or others cannot be adequately managed in the current setting and the consumer will be moved to a more secure setting.

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5. Service Intensity and Duration: Safety Supervision is provided at a level and for the duration that is determined to be necessary to appropriately manage the risks of behavioral harm to self and/or others that a consumer poses at a given time. Service intensity may vary in response to changes in risk posed by the consumer. The service intensity should be stepped down in response to reduced risks or to alternative strategies to manage the risk, or the service may be eliminated when no longer required to provide reasonable safety.
6. Payment: Safety Supervision is a state-funded service provided at the sole discretion of the authorizing LME and per available funding. The rate of payment for Safety Supervision is to be negotiated between the provider and the LME based on the needs of the individual consumer and available resources. The service is billed to the LME through the usual claims submission process.
7. Documentation of Safety Supervision must occur at least monthly in the consumer's medical record. Such documentation must include a current review of the consumer's risk of dangerous behavior, a description of how the service has been provided, and a description of any changes to the consumer's Safety Plan.

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