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BEACON LIGHT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM



#### What is Mobile Medication?

The Mobile Medication Program is a program providing services in Warren/Forest, Cameron/Elk and Clearfield/Jefferson counties. It is a voluntary, community delivered service for adult Health Choices eligible consumers. It is for adults 18 years of age and older with a serious mental illness that experience difficulties progressing toward recovery due to the inconsistent adherence to a prescribed medication regimen. The Mobile Medication Program is a recovery focused service that allows individuals to be educated about their medications and trained to develop skills to manage their medication effectively in order to control symptoms and increase community tenure.

Members of the team will act as a liaison between the prescriber and the consumer to help establish better communication and to help integrate the consumer back to an outpatient setting where they will advocate more effectively for them selves with their prescribing clinician. The Mobile Medication Team operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including weekends and holidays.

#### **Admission Criteria**

The person must be 18 years of age or older and have a primary diagnosis of a serious mental illness, (Major Depressive Disorder, Bipolar Disorder, Psychosis NOS, Schizophrenia or Schizoaffective disorder) and be prescribed psychotropic medication.

The person is in need of community delivered psychiatric nursing services to prevent the need for more restrictive levels of care and to improve community tenure. The person must meet one of the following: • Receiving Case Management or other ambulatory services and in need of intensive medication management to prevent the need for an inpatient level of care

• Current inpatient admission or readmission due to non-adherence or inconsistent adherence to the prescribed medication regime Initiation or revision of a complex medication regime

• Medical diagnosis that requires coordination of Physical and Behavioral Health issues, including medication management

Temporary or permanent absence/withdrawal of a primary support who had been assisting the person with medication management

### **Continued Stay Criteria**

The person continues to require this communitydelivered service as defined in Admission Criteria The person and/or family is actively participating in the program or engagement attempts are continuing.

Active transition planning is in progress and must reflect adequate and timely implementation of interventions which are responsive to the needs of the individual.

## **Discharge Criteria**

The person has completed treatment goals and has successfully demonstrated appropriate supports and those supports are in place.

Completion of a clearly identified team protocol designed for attempts to engage or reengage the person, the person request discharge or repeatedly refuses services.

# **ABOUT BEACON LIGHT**

Beacon Light Behavioral Health System was founded in the early 1900's to provide services to children abandoned or orphaned by the early oil and lumber industries. Throughout its history, the agency has provided quality care to young people. As the needs of our society changed, Beacon Light Behavioral Health System evolved into a private, not-forprofit social service agency providing quality, professional behavioral health and educational services.

Beacon Light Behavioral Health System's continuum of care includes multiple programs of varying intensity across a broad geographic region. Regardless of the location and type of service accessed, qualified mental health treatment professionals provide individualized treatment planning and care.

#### Referrals

Individuals wishing to make referrals should complete a referral form. Anyone can make a referral for the Mobile Medication Program.

## Length of Stay

Mobile Medication Services are intended to be shortterm. Length of services will be decided on a client by client basis and the need for services to stay in place.

