

## WAKE LME CHILD MH/SA CRISIS FUNDS GUIDANCE

*Crisis Definition: An individual presents a moderate or severe risk related to safety or supervision, or is at moderate or severe risk of substance abuse withdrawal symptoms, or presents a mild, moderate, or severe risk of harm to self or others, or has severe incapacitation in one or more area(s) of physical, cognitive, or behavioral functioning related to mental health, developmental disabilities or substance abuse problems.*

### Purpose:

1. To provide safety net services to include intervention and discharge planning for youth who are in a jail, juvenile detention center or hospital, making them ineligible for Medicaid. Safety net services may include diagnostic assessment when necessary.
2. To provide brief crisis stabilization placements for up to 5 days to support remaining in the home while other services and interventions are initiated and implemented. Crisis stabilization may occur in level II residential settings.
3. To provide medication assistance to include reimbursement to providers who purchase medications for consumers when gains in treatment are at risk due to lack of medication.

### Who:

1. Children who have been determined eligible for child mental health or substance abuse services
2. Children who are currently ineligible to bill for Medicaid funds.

### Benefits Offered:

Safety Net Services  
Crisis Stabilization Placement  
Reimbursement for Medication Purchase

### Duration of Crisis Services Benefits:

Safety net services – up to 16 hours/\$60 hourly per period of ineligibility while in jail, detention, or hospital  
Crisis Stabilization Placements – up to 5 days/\$214 daily while initiating services to support the child's return to his/her home

### Procedure for Accessing Crisis Services Benefits:

- The child needing safety net or crisis stabilization services must have an assigned provider.
- A Provider's designee may request medication assistance.
- The Provider should contact Greta Gill (212-9494) or Beth Nelson (212-8452).
- The Provider must provide clinical justification for crisis service benefits to be approved.
- Upon receipt of verbal approval, the Provider's designee must immediately fax (250-3194) or deliver the Child MH/SA Crisis Services Benefits Form to Greta or Beth that documents:
  1. Brief description of the urgent/emergent situation
  2. Expected client outcomes
  3. Services checked as needed
  4. Greta Gill or Beth Nelson will review, approve and return the Child MH/SA Crisis Services Benefits Form to the provider.
- After hours the process for accessing crisis stabilization placement will be facilitated by Crisis and Assessment Services (250-3133).