



**JEFFERSON
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Managed Mental Health Care Organization for Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, and Klamath Counties

PART I: POLICY

Adoption of Practice Guidelines

Policy No.:	Supersedes:
	None
Effective Date:	
June 26, 2006	
Approved by:	
Date:	

I. POLICY DESCRIPTION

The purpose of this policy is to establish a consistent method to guide JBH in adopting practice guidelines. Practice Guidelines are systematically developed procedures to assist with practitioner and patient decisions about appropriate mental health care for specific clinical circumstances.

II. APPLICABILITY

For the purposes of this policy, the term Jefferson Behavioral Health (JBH) includes the Jefferson Behavioral Health staff and its authorized representatives. JBH shall follow this policy as it applies to the OHP mental health services governed by the Mental Health Organization Agreement between the State of Oregon and JBH. Participating Providers shall follow this policy to the extent that it applies to the mental health services that they provide to JBH Members. The responsibilities outlined in this policy shall also include, but not be limited to, the Local Mental Health Authorities (LMHA) in the JBH service area, and any agency delegated with the responsibility for managing non-inpatient mental health services for JBH members in the LMHA's county.



PART II: PROCEDURES

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I. PROCEDURE

1. Criteria for Developing Practice Guidelines

- a. JBH shall adopt practice guidelines that are based on valid and reliable clinical evidence or a consensus of mental health professionals.
 - i. Practice guidelines may include guidelines that have been developed by the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, expert consensus panels convened by the National Institutes of Health, specialty societies, or another expert body based on a review of valid and reliable clinical evidence, or a consensus of mental healthcare professionals in the particular field
- b. Practice guidelines shall address the needs of OHP Members, be adopted in consultation with JBH's Participating Providers, and be reviewed and updated periodically, as appropriate.
- c. JBH shall disseminate the practice guidelines to all Providers and, upon request, to OHP Member or OHP Member Representative.
- d. Decisions about Utilization Management, coverage of services, or other areas to which the guidelines apply, should be consistent with the adopted practice guidelines.
- e. A formal process shall be developed to consult and solicit input from Providers about the guidelines as the guidelines are developed, adopted and implemented.

2. Practice Guidelines and the Member Needs

- a. Practice Guidelines shall reflect the needs of the JBH enrolled population.

3. Periodic Review of Practice Guidelines

- a. Practice Guidelines shall be reviewed and updated on a periodic basis following their adoption.
- b. The duration between periodic reviews for the purposes of evaluating and updating Practice Guidelines shall not exceed two (2) calendar years.