

PSYCHIATRIC BED AND SERVICES WORKGROUP CHARGE

Approved by the CON Commission Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

At a minimum, the Psychiatric Bed Services Workgroup should consider reviewing and recommending any necessary changes to the Psychiatric Bed Services Standards regarding the following:

1. Review and update, if necessary, the occupancy rate requirements.
2. Review and update, if necessary, the standards to promote the accommodation of special populations like geriatric, developmentally disabled, and high acuity patients.
3. Review whether or not the number of inpatient beds within hospital based units should be assessed separately from the inpatient beds in free-standing facilities.
4. Consider any necessary technical or other changes from the Department, Commission, or SAC, e.g., updates or modifications consistent with other CON review standards and the Public Health Code.
5. Review what other states are doing with respect to providing an online consortium of psychiatric facilities regarding available (open) beds and the requirement for psychiatric facilities to provide psychiatric services under EMTALA when beds are open, if they participate with CMS.