

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: WYOMING

DEFINITION OF SPECIALIZED SERVICES

Specialized Services: The continuous and aggressive implementation of an individualized Plan of Care that is developed under and supervised by a physician in conjunction with an interdisciplinary team of qualified mental health professionals; prescribes specific therapies and activities for the treatment of persons experiencing an acute episode of severe mental illness, which necessitates supervision by trained mental health personnel; and is directed toward diagnosing and reducing the resident's behavioral symptoms that necessitated institutionalization, improving his or her level of independent functioning, and achieving a functioning level that permits reduction in the intensity of mental health services to below the Specialized Services level of service at the earliest possible time. Specialized Services do not include intermittent or periodic psychiatric services for residents who do not require 24-hour supervision by qualified mental health personnel.

For mental retardation, specialized services means the services specified by the state which, combined with services provided by the nursing facility or other service providers, results in treatment which meets the requirements of 42 CFR 483.440(a)(1).

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CATEGORICAL DETERMINATIONS

Any person with a mental illness or mental retardation who is comatose, ventilator dependent, functions at the brain stem level, or has a diagnosis of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, severe Parkinson's Disease, Huntington's Disease, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Congestive Heart Failure, primary diagnosis of dementia including Alzheimer's Disease or a related disorder based on DSM III-R criteria, or any other diagnosis so determined by HCFA, may be considered appropriate for placement or continued residence in a Medicaid-certified nursing facility without being subject to the Level II process and/or specialized services.

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