



Utilization Review; A Framework For Local Practice

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Session Outline

- Summarize the Utilization Management and Utilization Review Requirements as identified in the Code of Virginia
- Define Utilization Review (UR)
- Provide the Characteristics of Quality UR
- Answer your UM/UR Questions



What are the Requirements?

- The Code of Virginia (COV) states that “each locality receiving funds for activities under the Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) shall have a locally determined utilization management plan...” (COV 2.2-2648)
- The Community and Policy Management Team is charged with the responsibility of developing and implementing the local Utilization Management Plan (COV 2.2-5206)



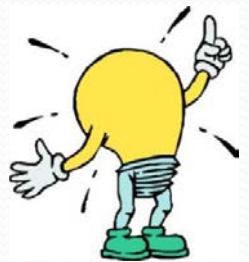
Requirements Continued

“The Family Assessment and Planning Team or approved alternative multidisciplinary team, in collaboration with the family, shall provide regular monitoring and utilization review of the services and residential placement for the child to determine whether services and placement continue to provide the most appropriate and effective services for the child and his family. (COV 2.2-5208)”



What is Utilization Review (UR)?

- A part of the Utilization Management process
- An individual review of the necessity, efficiency, and appropriateness of services
- Measures the progress of the youth and family against the goals and objectives established in the Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP)
- Provides recommendations to the FAPT, case manager, and/or provider that may include adaptations to the service plan or service delivery



What UR Is Not:

- A means of cutting necessary services
- A series of paper exercises or box checking that does not improve care
- A pathway to second guessing the case manager, service provider, or FAPT



Who can do Utilization Review?

- UR can be done and documented by:
 - State Sponsored UR
 - UR Specialist
 - CSA Coordinator
 - FAPT
 - Anyone else designated by the policies of the CPMT



Utilization Review as a Service

- Utilization Review (UR) can be purchased using CSA funds
- Because all CSA services must be connected to a youth, purchased UR is identified as a service at FAPT, placed on a youth's IFSP, and approved via CPMT
- UR can be purchased through the Community Services Board (CSB) or a private entity

UR Frequency

The frequency of UR is based upon the locally developed plan, however, the UR Guidelines (adopted by the SEC) provide a recommended schedule for review.

Service Level	Utilization Review
Basic foster care maintenance	At the discretion of FAPT
Non-clinical community based services	Every 6 months
Clinical services and/or a combination of two or more services	Every 3 months
Intensive In-Home, Therapeutic Foster Care, Residential Care	Every 3 months
Acute Psychiatric Setting, Crisis Stabilization, Assessment and Evaluation Program	Daily review or risk
Special education private day	Reviewed by IEP team

Principles of Quality UR

Quality UR Begins with Quality Service Planning

- Incorporation of all assessment data
- Strengths-driven
- Multiple life domains are represented
- Measurable and individualized long and short term goals
- Voice of family and youth is included
- Conveys complete picture of the youth and family



Thorough UR Critically Examines ALL Elements of the Plan of Care

- Are the IFSP, provider service plans, and assessment information congruent?
- Does the current CANS match the clinical, behavioral, and social presentation of the youth and family?
- Do the recommended/purchased services match the needs identified in assessment information?
- Are the strengths and needs of the youth and family guiding the services and goals?
- Are the IFSP goals measurable?
- Is the family and youth voice/participation reflected in the IFSP?



Effective UR Measures Progress, Provides Recommendations, and Monitors Status of Recommendations

- Are the youth and family progressing towards identified goals in treatment plan? How do you know? (How is progress measured?)
- If not, what are the barriers/needs towards goal achievement?
- What steps will be taken to meet these needs?
- Are treatment goals updated to reflect progress?
- Is there are clear discharge plan?
- What work is occurring to achieve the discharge plan?

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- Is the IFSP updated to reflect needs, strengths and progress?
- Are there changes in CANS scores?
- Is the overall level of functioning (family and youth) improving? How do you know?
- What changes have occurred in service delivery as a result of UR recommendations?



UR is More Than Quality and Cost of Services

- UR is a strategy to improve your System of Care
- How is family/youth voice reflected in service planning?
- Do services build upon strengths and target identified needs?
- How is family/youth satisfaction with services/service planning captured?
- How does UR inform and improve local service planning?
- UR is an ongoing cycle







Remember...

Your locality's Utilization Review Plan should reflect the unique goals, strengths, and needs of your community because:

- The purpose of UR is to collect and analyze data in order to evaluate, inform and improve service planning for youth and families in *your* locality
- AND
- Each locality is different
- AND
- UR plans are locally devised and implemented



THANK YOU!

