

GUIDELINES FOR MEDICAL SCREENING PROCESS CONDUCTED BY HSC PRIOR TO ADMISSION

[as part of the mental illness emergency commitment process]

PURPOSE: Determine whether medical conditions exceed the capacity of HSC

Medical limitations at HSC generally include but are not limited to the following:

- No cardiac monitoring
- No IV potassium replacement therapy
- No IV antiarrhythmic medication therapy
- No burns
- No post-op with chest tubes
- No pain pumps
- No medically monitored detox services
- No Methadone treatment for opiate addiction
- No Suboxone treatment
- No dialysis unless approved in conjunction with Avera Sacred Heart Hospital

Referrals from communities:

- Community referral sources (jails, community mental health centers, etc.) will be responsible for ensuring the patient is medically cleared and/or able to travel safely to HSC.
- HSC may request records but will not conduct medical clearance in regards to the patient's safety to be transported to HSC. The review by HSC is for the limited purpose of ensuring the patient does not have medical conditions that exceed the capacity of the center.
- HSC will still need to be contacted prior to the admission so the medical screening process can be conducted and the admission can be approved.

Referrals from Emergency Departments:

- EDs are responsible for ensuring the patient is medically cleared/medically stable for transport.
- HSC may request records but will not conduct medical clearance in regards to the patient's safety to be transported to HSC. The review by HSC is for the limited purpose of ensuring the patient does not have medical conditions that exceed the capacity of the center.
- HSC will still need to be contacted prior to the admission so the medical screening process can be conducted and the admission can be approved.

Transfers from inpatient settings and nursing homes:

- The case will be reviewed by HSC and a physician to physician consult will be completed, if necessary, to resolve concerns.
- Additional lab work may be requested.
- The admission will not be delayed for review of rehab therapies and such.