

Continued Service Criteria

It is appropriate to retain the patient at the present level of care if:

- A. The patient is making progress, but has not yet achieved the goals articulated in the individualized treatment plan. Continued treatment at the present level of care is assessed necessary to permit the patient to continue to work toward his or her treatment goals;

OR

- B. The patient is not yet making progress, but has the capacity to resolve his or her problems. He or she is actively working toward the goals articulated in the individualized treatment plan. Continued treatment at the present level of care is assessed as necessary to permit the patient to continue to work toward his or her treatment goals;

AND/OR

- C. New problems have been identified that are appropriately treated at the present level of care. The new problem or priority requires services, the frequency and intensity of which can only safely be delivered by continued stay in the current level of care. The level of care in which the patient is receiving treatment is therefore the least intensive level at which the patient's new problems can be addressed effectively.