Completing the GAP Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Screening

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A mental disorder is a syndrome characterized by clinically significant disturbance in an individual’s cognition, emotion regulation, or behavior that reflects a dysfunction in the psychological, biological, or developmental processes underlying mental functioning. Mental disorders are usually associated with significant distress or disability in social, occupational or other important activities.
Screening for GAP Coverage
What is GAP?

• The Governor’s Access Plan or GAP is a Medicaid benefit plan designed to provide healthcare to adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) who meet the financial and eligibility criteria.

• GAP provides limited medical and behavioral healthcare coverage to qualifying uninsured Virginians. In addition to medical and behavioral healthcare coverage that is being offered to eligible individuals, Magellan is excited to offer recovery navigation services as part of this plan.

• Magellan’s role is to administer the behavioral healthcare services of the GAP program and provide care coordination services.
Getting GAP Coverage

Getting GAP Medicaid coverage is a two step process

1. Eligibility review completed by Cover Virginia
   • Online submission
   • By Telephone – 855.869.8190

2. Complete a GAP serious mental illness screening
   • Individual must meet GAP SMI criteria
   • Screening submitted to Magellan for review
Screening for Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
Finding the Form (P-603)

A copy of the form can be accessed at [here*](http://leg5.state.va.us/reg_agent/frmView.aspx?Viewid=7cc6f004171~2&typ=40&actno=004171&mime=application/pdf)
GAP SMI Criteria

1. Age: 21-64

2. Diagnosis: At least one (1) of the below
   - Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorder (not substance induced)
   - Major Depressive Disorder
   - Bipolar Disorder and related disorders
   - Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
   - Other: OCD, Panic DO, Agoraphobia, Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa

3. Duration of Illness: At least one (1) of the below
   - Is expected to require services for an extended duration
   - Has received psychiatric treatment more intensive than outpatient care more than once in lifetime (crisis services, inpatient, partial hospitalization)
   - Has been in supportive residential care (other than hospitalization) for long enough to have significantly disrupted the normal living situation
4. Individual must experience **severe and recurrent disability** resulting from mental illness. This disability must result in functional limitations in major life activities for the individual. Level of Disability: At least two (2) of below

- Is unemployed, has a poor employment history, has markedly limited employment skills, or is working in a supportive setting
- Requires public or familial financial assistance to remain in the community and might not be able to find such assistance without help
- Has difficulty establishing or maintaining a personal support system
- Requires assistance in basic living skills (hygiene, cooking, managing finances)
- Exhibits inappropriate behavior that often result in intervention by the judicial or mental health system
5. Individual requires assistance to consistently access and utilize needed medical and/or behavioral health services/supports.

Individual must meet all five (5) of these criteria to be found to be eligible for GAP Medicaid coverage.
GAP SMI Criteria (continued)

Serious Mental Illness For GAP Medicaid

• Not everyone with a mental illness will qualify as SMI

• Not everyone with one of the accepted diagnoses will qualify for GAP

• To be determined Seriously Mentally Ill and individual must have serious functional limitations
  • These limitations must interfere across many aspects of life
  • These limitations must have been going on for a long time, and be expected to continue

• Assessment must identify these functional limitations and they must be documented on the submission to Magellan
Screening Types

**Full Screening**

- The SMI screening is completed with the individual on the same date as the diagnostic evaluation

**Limited Screening**

- The SMI screening is submitted by a QMHP (or an LMHP) based on information from a previously completed diagnostic evaluation including details that reflect the functional limitations
- This previously completed diagnostic evaluation must have been completed within the past year from the date of the screening
Submitting SMI Screening to Magellan
Accessing Magellan Site

• To Set up the Facility Record Magellan of Virginia will need:
  • DOC VA DMAS Organizational Roster Staff Form
  • Copy of license for all LMHPs submitting a screening
  • These can be submitted to VANetworkQuestions@magellanhealth.com

• The Staff Roster Should Include:
  • All Staff (licensed or unlicensed) who will submit screenings
  • Licensed Psychologists supervising unlicensed staff submitting screenings
  • Must be updated online with any staff changes (termination/new hires)
Accessing Magellan Site

• Magellan will assign each facility:
  • A Magellan Identification Number (MIS)
  • A National Provider Identifier (NPI)
  • A Web Account to submit the screenings

• Magellan will contact each facility with web account information and temporary password (within about 10 days of submission)

• Each facility must have a designated point of contact as an administrator for the Magellan web account
Submitting Screening to Magellan

• Access www.magellanprovider.com - Magellan Provider website

• Sign into the Magellan web account (after being set up) and this will bring you to your front page

• Enter the GAP SMI screening information and submit this for review. This information will go into the GAP Assessment
  • This will be the same information as the P-603 (so you can just enter this information and not use the paper form)

• Must attach a Diagnostic Evaluation, which includes the eligible diagnosis. This evaluation must be completed on the same day for a full screening, or within past year for limited screening.
Submitting Screening to Magellan

- The DOC will be using the DOC MH 17 for these submissions, this will serve as the diagnostic assessment
  - It must have been completed within the last year

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I. PERSONAL HISTORY

Family History:
Submitting Screening to Magellan

• **Important parts of the DOC MH 17**
  • Section I. Personal History (should identify the functional limitations due to mental illness)
  • Section II. Clinical History (treatments/medications)
  • Section III. Potential for Suicide/Self-Injury
  • Section IX. Diagnosis (should be one of the SMI diagnoses)

• The DOC MH 17 will need to be very detailed to be able to identify SMI criteria – Magellan staff will need enough information to be able to support the SMI determination and judge individual’s functional limitations
Submitting Screening to Magellan

Magellan Contacts

Call Magellan of Virginia for help with:

Web account set up: 800.424.4536
Online submissions: 800.424.4046
TDD line: 800.424.4048

Find us on the web at magellanofvirginia.com
Getting More Information

• For questions regarding how to submit the Screening Tool or Attachments please contact Magellan at 1-800-424-4046 or by visiting www.magellanofvirginia.com

• A complete GAP Overview Presentation is available on the DMAS website at www.dmas.virginia.gov
  • Click on Governor’s Access Plan (GAP) in the menu on the left

• Questions pertaining to GAP may also be e-mailed to BridgetheGAP@dmas.virginia.gov
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