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Subject: Crisis Stabilization Unit Practices

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Scope

All Providers of Crisis Stabilization Services within a Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)

Purpose

To request that all DMH Certified Providers of Crisis Stabilization Services within a Crisis Stabilization Unit conduct a self-assessment of issues related to treatment planning and environment of care.

Subject

Due to recent serious incidents that have been reported, DMH requests that all CSU providers conduct a self-assessment, at least annually, of the following policies and procedures:

- Evaluation of the level of observation that is required by all individuals receiving services at the CSU. Policies and procedures should allow for assessment upon admission and at regular intervals during the course of treatment. If the assessment or clinical judgment indicates that a greater frequency of observation is necessary, policies and procedures should reflect those practices. Policies and procedures should identify who is responsible for conducting the assessment(s).
- Treatment planning (to include discharge planning) that is inclusive of the individual receiving services.
- Review of the physical environment of care to assess for potential risks and/or access to lethal means. Mitigation efforts must be put into place when risks are identified.

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