

Decision Tree for Making Referrals for Evaluations and Treatment

****please note that presenters from various treatment settings will provide specific information/caveats****

1. Identify payer source. If Medicaid or indigent, refer to MCO for evaluation. If a private insurer, instruct the Parent/Legal Guardian to contact said insurer for referrals to “in network” or approved providers.

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2. Request an evaluation and recommendation for treatment needs. Please do not specify what type of treatment you believe is necessary as this can slow down or derail the process. Certainly this type of information can be shared with the evaluating clinician but a specific treatment (IIH, residential treatment, etc.) should not be ordered.

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3. Advise the appropriate person (Court Counselor, Parent, Legal Guardian, DSS) that you will expect a treatment recommendation from the evaluating provider. (Please be aware that if this requires a separate document to be prepared by the evaluating provider that there could be a charge that the parent/legal guardian will be responsible for.)

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4. Treatment and payment for treatment is based on medical necessity as determined by the authorizing/paying entity.

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