Medically Monitored Non-Residential Services LOCUS© Instrument, Level of Care Four

This level of care refers to services provided to clients capable of living in the community either in supportive or independent settings, but whose treatment needs require intensive management by a multi disciplinary treatment team. Services, which would be included in this level of care, have traditionally been described as partial hospital programs and as assertive community treatment programs.

1. Care Environment

Services may be provided within the confines of a clinic setting providing adequate space for provision of services available at this level, or they may in some cases be provided by delivering services to the client, in which case, capability for staff transportation would be required.

2. Clinical Capabilities

Clinical services should be available to clients through most of the day on a daily basis. Psychiatric services would be available on a daily basis and contact would be required at appropriate intervals. Psychiatric services would also be available by remote communication on a 24-hour basis. Nursing services should be available than about 40 hours/wk. Physical assessment should be provided onsite if possible and access to ongoing primary medical care should be available. Intensive treatment should be provided at least five days/wk and include individual, group, and family therapy depending on client needs. Rehabilitative services should be an integral aspect of the treatment program when indicated. Medication can be carefully monitored, but in most cases will be self administered.

3. Supportive Services

Case management services will be integrated with on site treatment teams or mobile treatment teams and will provide assistance with providing or arranging financial support, supportive housing, systems management, transportation, child care and ADL maintenance. Liaison with mutual support networks and individual groups, facilitation of recreational and social activities, and coordination with educational or vocational programming will also be available according to client needs.

4. Crisis Resolution and Prevention

Clients must have access to 24 hour emergency evaluation and brief intervention services including a respite environment. Mobile service capability, day care and child enrichment programs, education and employment opportunities, and empowerment programs will be available, and access to these services will be facilitated. All other Basic Services (see page 31) will also be available.