Attachment 1

RELATIONSHIP OF THE WRAPAROUND PROCESS TO THERAPEUTIC BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

Therapeutic Behavioral Services are one type of a broad variety of individualized services that may be used in a "wraparound" process. The wraparound process is not a program or a type of services. It represents a fundamental change in the way services are designed and delivered, which is based on the individualized needs of the child and family rather than making available an array of services which should meet the needs of most individuals needing assistance. The guiding principle of the wraparound process is to do what you need to do when you need to do it to achieve the child/youth's treatment goals. Therefore, the wraparound process can include any combination of services and supports that may or may not be a Medi-Cal benefit under EPSDT. Health care, diagnostic services, treatment, and other measures, which are identified as eligible under federal Medicaid regulations, are services that are EPSDT benefits. Under a Mental Health Plan, the service must be necessary to correct or ameliorate mental illnesses and conditions to qualify as an EPSDT benefit. Intensive in-home treatment, crisis intervention, and family counseling to meet the child/youth's treatment goals can be components of a wraparound process that could be eligible as EPSDT benefits.