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DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities Policy Unit has **four revised policies** to report this week. Policies may be viewed by accessing the Policies screen located on the [Division's website](#).

REVISED POLICIES

[Division Medical Policy Manual 320-U Pre-Petition Screening, Court-Ordered Evaluation, and Court-Ordered Treatment](#)

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- Several new definitions added for clarity, including the definition of "Admitting Officer."
- "Physician" was changed to "Admitting Officer" throughout the policy where applicable.
- "Persistently or Acutely Disabled" status and "Gravely Disabled" status were incorporated throughout the policy when referring to "danger to self" and "danger to others."
- The language, "Is unwilling or unable to undergo a voluntary evaluation," was added to the list of reasons for requesting a Pre-Petition Screening.
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- "Must" was changed to "shall" throughout the policy to align with AHCCCS and Division terminology.
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- Serious Emotional Disturbance designation added to Section B regarding outreach programs to identify members with comorbid medical and behavioral health disorders.
- Additional member populations added to development of outreach programs to identify certain member populations.
- Additional resources added regarding obtaining justice system information.
- New section added regarding engaging members experiencing homelessness.
- New section added regarding coordination of care for members under court-ordered treatment.
- New section added regarding the Division’s oversight and monitoring of the AdSS.
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