**67:16:41:01.  Definitions.** As used in this chapter:

(1)  "Certified social worker - private, independent practice" means an individual certified under SDCL 36-26-17;

(2)  "Certified social worker - private, independent practice candidate" means an individual who is licensed as a certified social worker under SDCL 36-26-14 and is working toward becoming a certified social worker - private, independent practice under an approved supervision agreement, as required by § 20:59:05:05;

(3)  "Clinical nurse specialist" means an individual who is licensed under SDCL 36-9-85 to perform the functions contained in SDCL 36-9-87;

(4)  "Collateral contact" means telephone or face-to-face contact with an individual, other than the recipient receiving treatment, to plan appropriate treatment, to assist others in responding therapeutically regarding the recipient's difficulty or illness, or to link the recipient, family, or both, to other necessary and therapeutic community support;

(5)  "Diagnostic assessment" means a written comprehensive evaluation of symptoms that indicate a diagnosis of a mental disorder and which meet the requirements of § 67:16:41:04;

(6)  "Family" means a unit of two or more persons, related by blood or by past or present marriage. A family may also include other individuals living in the same household with the recipient, individuals who will reside in the home in the future, or individuals who reside elsewhere, if the individual's participation is necessary to accomplish treatment plan goals, and the individual is considered an essential and integral part of the family unit identified in the treatment plan;

(7)  "Group" means a unit of at least two, but no more than ten, individuals who, because of the commonality and the nature of their diagnoses, can derive mutual benefit from psychotherapy and the therapy can be demonstrated to be medically necessary for the individuals to jointly participate, in order to accomplish treatment plan goals through a group psychotherapy session;

(8)  "Licensed professional counselor - mental health" means an individual certified under SDCL 36-32-65 to 36-32-67, inclusive;

(9)  "Licensed professional counselor working toward a mental health designation" means an individual who is licensed as a licensed professional counselor under SDCL 36-32-64 and is working toward a mental health designation under the supervision required by SDCL subdivision 36-32-65(4);

(10)  "Licensed marriage and family therapist" means an individual licensed under SDCL 36-33-43 to 36-33-45, inclusive;

(11)  "Mental disorder" means an organic disorder of the brain or a clinically significant disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, or behavior;

(12)  "Mental health services" means nonresidential psychiatric or psychological diagnostic and treatment that is goal-oriented and designed for the care and treatment of an individual having a primary diagnosis of a mental disorder;

(13)  "Mental health treatment" means goal-oriented therapy designed for the care and treatment of an individual having a primary diagnosis of a mental disorder;

(14)  "Psychologist" means, for services provided in South Dakota, a person licensed under SDCL 36-27A-12 or 36-27A-13; for services provided in another state, a person licensed as a psychologist in the state where the services are provided. For purposes of the medical assistance program, a person practicing under SDCL 36-27A-11 is specifically excluded from this definition;

(15)  "Psychotherapy" means the face-to-face or telehealth treatment of a recipient, through a psychological or psychiatric method. The treatment is a planned, structured program based on a primary diagnosis of mental disorder and is directed to influence and produce a response for a mental disorder and to accomplish measurable goals and objectives specified in the recipient's individual treatment plan;

(16)  "Psychotherapy session" means a planned and structured face-to-face or telehealth treatment episode between a mental health provider and one or more recipients;

(17)  "Telehealth" means a method of delivering services, including interactive audio-visual or audio-only technology, in accordance with SDCL chapter 34-52; and

(18)  "Treatment plan" means a written, individual, and comprehensive plan that is based on the information and outcome of the recipient's diagnostic assessment and which is designed to improve the recipient's mental disorder.

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