

**67:16:41:04. Diagnostic assessment requirements.** Preparation of the recipient's diagnostic assessment must begin during the mental health provider's first face-to-face interview with the recipient. The diagnostic assessment does not need to be completed in one clinical psychiatric diagnostic or evaluation interview, but it must be completed before the fourth face-to-face interview begins. The fourth or any subsequent face-to-face interview designed to assist in the formulation of a diagnostic assessment is considered a noncovered service. Psychiatric therapeutic procedures or psychiatric somatotherapy provided before the diagnostic assessment is completed are considered noncovered services.

A diagnostic assessment must include all of the following components:

- (1) A face-to-face interview with the recipient;
- (2) An examination of the recipient's mental status including a description of anomalies in the recipient's appearance, general behavior, motor activity, speech, alertness, mood, cognitive functioning, and attitude toward the symptoms;
- (3) A review of the records which pertain to the recipient's medical and social background and history, if available.
- (4) Contact with the recipient's relatives and significant others to the extent necessary to complete an accurate psychological evaluation for the purpose of writing the assessment report and developing the treatment plan; and
- (5) Formulation of a diagnosis which is consistent with the findings of the evaluation of the recipient's condition.

The mental health provider must complete, sign, and date the diagnostic assessment before providing mental health treatment. The signature is a certification by the mental health provider that the findings of the diagnostic assessment are accurate. The certification date is the effective date of the diagnostic assessment.

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**Cross-Reference:** Clinical record requirements, § 67:16:41:08.