

Policies & Procedures

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POLICY

As preferred practice guidelines are developed (by the Department of Health and Human Service's Office of Substance Use and Mental Health, National Clearinghouse Guidelines and/or internally at DBH), Davis Behavioral Health will formally review, update, and adopt/amend said guidelines. DBH will also disseminate these guidelines to clinical staff, subcontractors, and upon request, to Enrollees.

Preferred practice guidelines adopted by DBH will be based on valid and reliable clinical evidence or a consensus of network providers in the particular field and consider the needs of DBH clients.

PURPOSE

Davis Behavioral Health recognized the need for formal review and adoption of practice guidelines as its treatment staff implement preferred practices in its recovery focused treatment of behavioral health conditions.

PROCEDURE

1. As part of DBH's policy review process, clinical leadership will review, and where needed, modify all existing practice guidelines.
2. Clinical leadership will submit recommendations for formal adoption or revision to the CEO and/or designee.
3. If internal practice guidelines are developed, clinical leadership will review and forward recommendations to the CEO and/or designee for formal approval of an adoption/amendment.
4. All practice guidelines will have adoption/revision dates.
5. Annual training will be provided to service providers. Training will be documented in the provider's personnel record, supervision log or subcontract file. Subcontractors are

- notified of practice guideline changes and invited to provide feedback.
6. Review and development of practice guidelines may result out of QAPI request, clinical need, adverse incidents, or other means.