Magellan QEN Assessment Types, Time Frames and Process

Types	Time Frames	Helpful Reminders
Suitability Assessments/Reviews		
Initial Suitability Assessment	Before a child can be admitted into a residential treatment center.	Suitability assessments are valid for 90 days. If the youth is not placed at the recommended level of care within 90 days the youth would need to be referred for a 90-Day Review. If the 90 days have passed the youth would need to be re-referred for an Initial Assessment.
60-Day Review	Within 60 days of a child's initial placement into residential treatment.	
90-Day Review	Every 90 days while the child remains within a residential treatment center.	
Out of State 60-Day Review	Within 60 days of a child's initial OOS placement into residential treatment.	
Out of State 90-Day Review	Every 90 days while the child remains within an OOS residential treatment center.	
Reconsideration		
A separate, 2nd independent evaluation that is conducted if it has been determined that one or both of the following criteria have been met: • The QE was not provided with the clinical record/supporting documentation at the time the suitability was conducted. • The child's mental, emotional and/or behavioral health has significantly decompensated since the time of the assessment (i.e., Baker Act, self-injurious, high-risk behaviors, danger to self and others, etc.).		
BQRTP Assessments (Magellan QEs)		
BQRTP Preliminary Assessment	Child may be placed in a BQRTP based on the preliminary assessment recommendation. (Recommendation is valid for 60 days)	If the youth is not placed within that timeframe, and current MDT/CPA recommendation is for BQRTP = refer for another Preliminary Assessment.
BQRTP Final Assessment	If a child has been placed in a BQRTP on a preliminary assessment, the final assessment must be completed within 30 calendar days to continue placement. (Recommendation is valid for 90 days)	If a Suitability recommends BQRTP, a Preliminary would not be completed.
BQRTP 90-Day Review	Every 90 days while the child remains within a BQRTP. (Recommendation is valid for 90 days)	If placed in a BQRTP from a Suitability recommendation, a BQRTP Final Assessment is not needed (Suitability fulfills the requirement).
BQRTP Reconsideration		
A separate, 2nd independent evaluation if it is determined one or all the following criteria have been met: • The QE was not provided with the clinical record/supporting documentation at the time the assessment/review was conducted. • The child has experienced a decompensation in mental, emotional or behavioral health functioning. • The QE did not recommend a BQRTP, and the courts ordered the child to be placed in a BQRTP.		

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