

MENTAL RESTORATION SERVICES

The Department may become involved in the payment of outpatient therapy for mental restoration when such services are deemed necessary by the vocational rehabilitation counselor for the attainment of a vocational objective or as part of an trial work period.

If therapy is provided, no more than six sessions may be authorized at the outset. Following initial therapy, reports are required to document problem areas found, suggested program of treatment, and provide evaluation criteria for progress.

After initial sessions, authorizations will be limited to twelve sessions with evaluation reports from the service provider answering specific questions as outlined above. Provision of further therapy beyond 12 sessions is predicated upon the consumer's progress and anticipated gains, as documented by reports from the service provider and the rehabilitation counselor's documented assessment of consumer progress.

The Department will not generally purchase psychosocial rehabilitation services (partial hospitalization). It is recommended that counselors encourage referral of consumers in psychosocial rehabilitation (partial hospitalization) programs to the Department when these consumers are ready for the development of vocational programs.

If mental restoration services are to be provided, treatment must be in accordance with state licensure laws. Kentucky law requires the use of a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, or licensed clinical social worker.

Factor's to consider in providing restoration services:

1. The services *must* be necessary to enable the individual to either secure or maintain employment.
2. The consumer has the choice of any service provider who meets Department standards and accepts the Department fee schedules.