

NORTHWEST IOWA CARE
CONNECTIONS
MENTAL HEALTH & DISABILITY SERVICES

Mental Health and Disabilities Services Region
Serving residents of Clay, Kossuth, Osceola, Palo Alto, Winnebago, and Worth Counties

As part of our state's Mental Health and Disability Services (MH/DS) Redesign as determined by the Iowa Legislature in Senate File 2315, the Boards of Supervisors of Clay, Kossuth, Osceola, Palo Alto, Winnebago, and Worth Counties have entered into a 28E Agreement to become the Northwest Iowa Care Connections Mental Health and Disability Services region here in Northwest Iowa.

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections (NWIACC) Governance Board (each county has one Supervisor representative) has reviewed and approved the region's Management, Annual Service and Budget Plan. The NWIACC, as of July 1, 2014, provides the funding of mental health and/or disability services for individuals currently administered by each county's Community Services office.

The Region is considered the funder of last resort. General Eligibility Guidelines:

- ❖ The individual is a resident of this state and currently residing in one of the counties comprising the NWIACC Region. If under the age of 18, the custodial parent is a resident of the state of Iowa and the child is physically present in the state and residing in one of the counties comprising the NWIACC region.
- ❖ The individual is a United States citizen or in the United States legally.
- ❖ Gross income 150% or below federal poverty guidelines. Applicants with income above 150% and not more than 500% are eligible for regional funding with an individual copayment.
- ❖ Resources that are equal to or less than \$2,000 in countable value for a single-person household or \$3,000 for a multi-person household.
- ❖ Diagnosis of mental illness or intellectual disability, or a child diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance.

As a regional system, we ask you to complete the enrollment/renewal process. As you complete the enrollment, we ask you to provide the following:

- ❖ A completed, signed, and dated Northwest Iowa Care Connections Regional Application
- ❖ Authorizations to Release Information to agencies/individuals involved with your care
- ❖ Verification of All Household Income (pay stubs, explanation of benefit forms, etc.)
- ❖ Verification of Resources (bank statements for checking and savings, Trust fund, Stocks, and/or Bonds, Certificates of Deposit, cash)
- ❖ If you have a legal guardian, a copy of the Guardianship papers
- ❖ Copies of all health Insurance Cards

To document the determination of your disability, a copy of your most recent psychiatric and /or psychological evaluation is needed. If you do not have a copy, please sign an authorization to release information to the clinician who can provide this for our records.

Along with authorizations to release information to your service providers, Northwest Iowa Care Connections requests an authorization to release information to the Department of Human Services be signed. The Region has consistent contact with this state agency, who provider oversight through its Mental Health and Disability Services Bureau for regional administration and funding for mental health and disability services.

Northwest Iowa Care Connections is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability (HIPAA) Act which outlines the handling of your private health care information.

Please complete, sign and return the enclosed documents and any requested information to NWIACC Enrollment at the Clay County Courthouse 215 W. 4th St., Suite 6, Spencer, Iowa 51301 or to intake@nwiacc.org by _____. If we have not heard from you by that date listed above, we will assume you are no longer interested in applying for services and will code this request as a “no service.”

We look forward to continuing our work with you and your service providers within the regional administrative structure. If you have specific questions about the region, please contact Northwest Iowa Care Connections at 712-264-3945 or at intake@nwiacc.org.