

PROTOCOL FOR: Certification

- POLICY:**
1. To comply with CMS guidelines, physicians must certify that patients in the John Dempsey Hospital Partial Hospital Program would require inpatient psychiatric care in the absence of partial hospitalization services.
 2. The attending psychiatrist will sign a Physician Certification Form upon admission; this becomes a part of the medical record.
 3. This certification will be updated on the 18th treatment day, then every 30 days until discharge and signed by the psychiatrist.
 4. Stamped signatures are not acceptable.

APPROVAL: Nursing Administrative Council

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/07

REVISION DATES: 10/08