County Funded SNF Referral Requirements

For County funding to be approved for SNF placement, the client's needs must be over 50% psychiatric (less than 50% medical needs). Referring facility sends the below to Optum for determination. Referring facility also sends referral directly to facilities once approval is granted.

Facility Clinical from Current Stay:

- LTC Referral Form including mental health diagnosis
- Attending psychiatrist's order for County Funded SNF
- Facility Face Sheet
- Complete Psychiatric Assessment including psychiatric history, substance abuse history, and history of self-destructive or assaultive behavior
- Physical and Medical History
- Lab reports (including UDS and BAL from admission)
- Nursing Assessment
- Social Work Assessment and Notes
- One week of progress notes including nursing, group, and psychiatrist
- Medications including Medication Administration Record showing medication compliance and information on medication changes
- Results of purified protein derivative (PPD) (tuberculosis [TB] test) or chest x-ray
- Cognitive assessment (e.g., Mini-Cog™, MDS)

Additional Requirements:

- Proof of current Medi-Cal coverage (an Automated Eligibility Verification System [AEVS] strip from the facility business office) for San Diego County
- Written recommendation from the assigned Case Management program funded by the County of San Diego. If client is not assigned a Case Management program funded by the County of San Diego, then documentation that client will be assigned to a Case Management program funded by the County of San Diego

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