

# Service Policy Manual

## Clinical and Medical Services

Clinical and medical evaluation reports are necessary to determine an individual's eligibility for regional center services. When necessary, North Bay Regional Center (NBRC) may fund diagnostic and assessment services for evaluation toward determining if a person is eligible for NBRC services.

Since the general health care needs of consumers eligible for services are similar to the needs of all members of the community, it is the expectation that generic health insurance plan should fund a consumer's health care needs. However, clinical or medical services may be able to be funded to persons who are eligible for services from NBRC if the need for clinical or medical care is related to the developmental disability and is not available for funding through a generic resource.

Clinical or medical services may be purchased by NBRC through the Individual Program Plan and Individual Family Service Plan process. The following apply to the purchase of clinical and/or medical services:

- Care need must be related to developmental disability.
- Care plan must be considered necessary and be based on methods that have been clinically or scientifically proven to be effective; experimental treatments shall not be purchased .
- Consumer/family must obtain denial from all health insurance companies including Medi-Cal/Medicare prior to NBRC considering request.

All generic resources must be exhausted before services are provided.

Services will follow Lanterman guidelines.

The NBRC Executive Director may review and authorize an exception if warranted by individual circumstances.