

**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
STANDARDS OF CARE**

HRSA DEFINITION

Psychological and psychiatric treatment and counseling services offered to individuals with a diagnosed mental illness, conducted in a group or individual setting, based on a detailed treatment plan, and provided by a mental health professional licensed or authorized within the State to provide such services, typically including psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers.

GOAL

Assist in the adherence of primary HIV medical care, HIV medications, and improvement of HIV and psychological health outcomes for those HIV+ patients diagnosed mental illness.

STANDARD OF CARE

HIRING STANDARDS

- All program staff should meet Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Standards of Care requirements for staff qualifications.

TRAINING STANDARDS

- All program staff should abide by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Standards of Care requirements for training.

JOB PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

- All program staff should abide by the DSHS Standards of Care requirements for job performance.
- Providers who screen for potential mental health issues must utilize an accepted and proven screening tool.

REPORTING STANDARDS

- All program staff should abide by the Texas Department of State Health Services Standards of Care requirements for reporting.