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### **§482.61 Condition of Participation: Special Medical Record Requirements for Psychiatric Hospitals**

**The medical records maintained by a psychiatric hospital must permit determination of the degree and intensity of the treatment provided to individuals who are furnished services in the institution.**

#### **Interpretive Guidelines §482.61**

The clinical record should provide information that indicates need for admission and treatment, treatment goals, changes in status of treatment and discharge planning, and follow-up and the outcomes experienced by patients. The structure and content of the individual patient's record must be an accurate functional representation of the actual experience of the individual in the facility. It must contain enough information to indicate

that the facility knows the status of the patient, has adequate plans to intervene, and provides sufficient evidence of the effects of the intervention, and how their interventions served as a function of the outcomes experienced. You must be able to identify this through interviews with staff, and when possible with individuals being served, as well as through observations.

