

Definition of Specialized Services

For Persons With Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities (MR/DD):

Specialized services in nursing facilities (NFs) are services paid solely by State of Oregon funds which increase access to, and participation in, community events and activities, including community-based employment and alternatives to employment (work activity centers, senior centers, etc.). If an individual's physical condition does not permit participation in community-based services, the State will provide specialized services in the NF.

For Persons With Mental Illness (MI):

Specialized services are generally not offered in NFs, but rather in psychiatric units of JCAHO-certified hospitals. Each individual's plan of care identifies specific therapies and activities to be delivered on a continuous basis (24 hour day) to treat acute episodes of serious mental illness. Interdisciplinary teams of qualified mental health professionals (each including a physician) develop, implement and supervise the individual's services. The goal of the individual plan of care is to return the individual to his or her maximal level of functioning so that they can be maintained by less intensive services.

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