

Transfers from Children's ED for Patients with Behavioral & Mental Health (BMH) Needs versus Medical Needs

Hospital and Short- Term Care Subcommittee Meeting

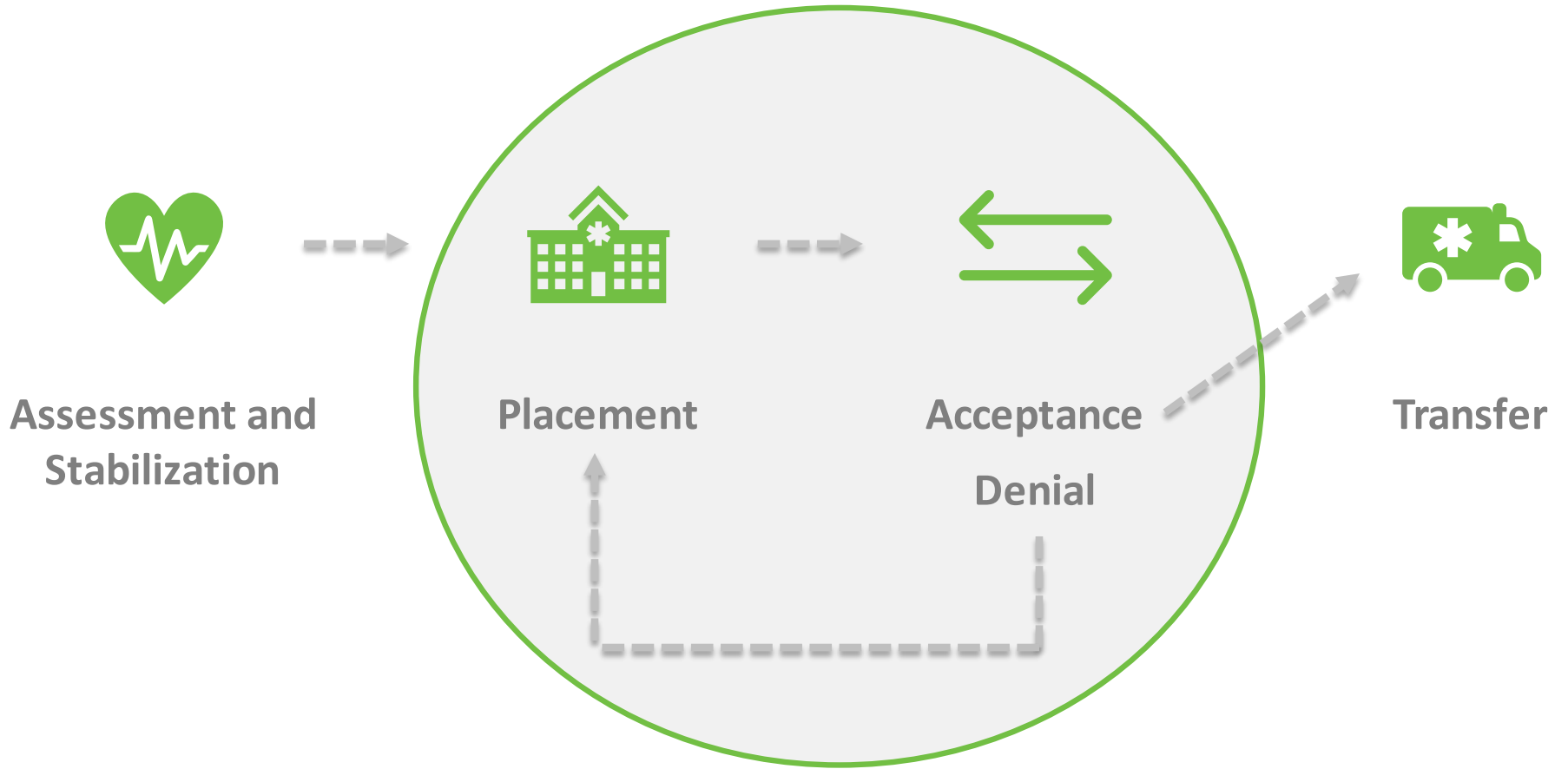
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Overview of June Presentation

- Reviewed data trends relating to BMH visits to a Children's Emergency Department (ED)
- Described the process Children's follows to transfer a pediatric patient with BMH support needs to a higher level of care.
- Reviewed the challenges we experience during this process, including: age, psychiatric diagnosis + medical comorbidities, autism, aggression, and insurance.
- Provided Committee members with recommendations for innovative solutions to lessen the burden of these challenges.

Overview of Transfer Process




Medical vs BMH Transfer – Placement



Placement

Medical Transfer	BMH Transfer
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smaller number of patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Larger number of patients
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilities are chosen based on the specialty (medical) required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilities are chosen based on specialty (psych) and by payor source.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Placement is initiated through the receiving hospital's Transfer Center.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Depending on payor source, placement can be initiated in a variety of different ways.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very little exclusionary criteria exists.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exclusionary criteria exists and can cause placement challenges.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An MD-MD conversation occurs with every transfer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An MD-MD conversation may only occur if facility requests more clinical information.

Medical vs BMH Transfer – Acceptance/Denial

	Medical Transfer	BMH Transfer
 Acceptance or Denial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients are accepted quickly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acceptance takes longer.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Very few denials per patient.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More denials per patient.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medical conditions requiring medical transport (i.e. burns, OB) have higher reimbursement rates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychiatric conditions requiring a BMH transfer are reimbursed at lower rates.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance prior authorization is not required prior to transfer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Insurance prior authorization is not required prior to transfer.

Questions?

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