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Recognizing patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) refers to various lifelong limitations in intellectual functioning and conceptual, social, or practical skills that emerge in persons before the age of 18 years. These limitations differ in severity and type among people with IDD and can vary during a person's lifespan. Intellectual and developmental disabilities encompass intellectual disability, developmental disability, and autism spectrum disorder.

In order to access funded Documentation confirming the presence of an intellectual or developmental disability? services in the developmental (e.g., psychoeducation report, neuropsychological report, school record) disabilities sector individuals must meet eligibility criteria No Yes ₽ as set out by the local Income support for people with disabilities recorded in chart? Ministry (e.g., in Ontario: Any of the following observations? Is there an indication of the gualifying the Ministry of Community Slow response time disability for this funding? · Difficulty filling out If yes Evidence of special education? and Social Services in the forms/paperwork to any: • Stayed enrolled until age of 21 Repeat visits for same issues(s) "Services and Supports to (Extension of high school attendance Frequently misses follow-up until an older age is often reserved for Promote the Social Inclusion appointments students with developmental Difficulty following instructions disabilities) of Persons with Chronic social or legal troubles Concrete/literal thinking Vocation and employment? **Developmental Disabilities** · Difficulty rephrasing information • How are days spent? Day program? Difficulty with basic mathematics Act., 2008".) Follow the Mostly volunteering? Support in obtaining a job or to stay steps in Figure 1 that help employed? No navigate this process. · Evidence of sheltered/supported work ₽ Developmental disabilities agency Labelling patients as having support? Consider other possibilities: · Any support workers ever involved or IDD in medical records has Learning disability staff who assist with activities? Low literacy Any history with developmental potential adverse as well as Mental health issues disability agencies? beneficial effects. Both need Brain injury after age 18 years • Involvement of a case manager? Addiction to be discussed with the patient. Yes No Connect with the local access point for receiving developmental disability services (e.g., In Ontario, contact the DSO https://www.dsontario.ca/ or phone 1-855-372-3858) · Find out if the patient is already receiving disability services for adults from the government. If not, begin the process. It is helpful to share clinical information that you have recorded. Begin to try to register the patient.

Figure 1: Steps to recognizing patients with possible IDD

An intake worker for the disability support program may be able to help you arrange a psychological assess-

If a patient does not meet the eligibility criteria, but you still have concerns, there are resources available that can still be of use in adapting communication and processes to meet the needs of patients who have difficulty understanding information or carrying out tasks independently (see the Developmental Disabilities Primary Care Program at https://ddprimarycare.surreyplace.ca/).

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