

**Department of Mental Health
Intensive Community Services**

Rehab Options - Frequently Asked Questions

Comprehensive Assessment and Clinical Formulation/Interpretive Summary

Question	Answer
Why is a Clinical Formulation – Interpretive Summary required?	Federal Rehab Option regulations require that determination of need for rehabilitative services be established by a Licensed Practitioner for the Healing Arts (LPHA) in order for the Commonwealth to seek reimbursement for these services. The Clinical Formulation – Interpretive Summary must be completed by the Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA). This is part of the Comprehensive Assessment. If a master’s level clinician without a license develops the clinical formulation, an LPHA must review and sign.
What are the guidelines for the completion of the Clinical Formulation – Interpretive Summary?	<p>The Clinical Formulation portion of the comprehensive assessment is not a duplication of earlier content from the assessment, but a summary and analysis that blends the findings and opinions of the assessor(s) with the preferences of the youth/family into a concise and clear synthesis. It establishes the need for treatment/rehabilitative services and provides a clear rationale for why some, but not necessarily all, assessed needs have priority status for the person’s treatment plan goal development.</p> <p>A concise formulation includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A brief (one-two sentence) summary identifying the youth and family and describing the current reason(s) for ICS services.• Identified needs• For each identified need, briefly describe the:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ origin and contributing factors;○ how the need limits community functioning;○ barriers to making progress toward resolving the need;○ supports and strengths present that will promote progress toward resolving the need.
If a new need (not previously assessed) is identified, is a new clinical formulation/interpretive summary required?	<p>Yes, an updated clinical formulation interpretive summary needs to be completed to include the new need area.</p> <p>Note: The Clinical Formulation must be completed annually, at minimum.</p>

