

TOC required**218.400****Acute Crisis Unit****1-1-21**

- A. Acute Crisis Units can provide brief crisis treatment services to persons over the age of 18 who are experiencing a psychiatry- and/or substance abuse-related crisis and may pose an escalated risk of harm to self or others. Acute Crisis Units provide hospital diversion and step-down services in a safe environment with psychiatry and/or substance abuse services on-site at all times as well as on-call psychiatry available 24 hours a day.
- B. A Hospital that is operating an Acute Crisis Unit must ensure that, at a minimum, the following services are available to be provided:
 - a. Ongoing assessment and observation;
 - b. Crisis intervention;
 - c. Psychiatric, substance, and co-occurring treatment; and
 - d. Initiate referral mechanisms for independent assessment and care planning as needed.
- C. A Hospital that is operating an Acute Crisis Unit can also provide Substance Abuse Detoxification within the Acute Crisis Unit. Substance Abuse Detoxification is a set of interventions aimed at managing acute intoxication and withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs. Services help stabilize beneficiaries by clearing toxins from the beneficiary's body. Services are short-term and may be provided in a crisis unit, inpatient, or outpatient setting, and may include evaluation, observation, medical monitoring, and addiction treatment. Detoxification seeks to minimize the physical harm caused by the abuse of substances and prepares the beneficiary for ongoing treatment.