

**9515.0600 FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING MEDICAL INDICATIONS.**

In assessing whether electroconvulsive therapy is medically indicated, the medical director of the state facility where the patient resides or the patient's physician shall consider the following factors:

- A. the predicted extent and duration of the therapeutic effects on mental activity and behavior patterns that the electroconvulsive therapy is expected to produce;
- B. the risks of adverse side effects compared with potential benefits to the patient;
- C. the likelihood that the treatment will produce the desired effects;
- D. whether alternative treatments are available that produce less risk;
- E. the medical community's standard for use of electroconvulsive therapy; and
- F. the patient's capacity to determine whether the treatment is desirable.

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 246.01*

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