

## POLICIES

### POLICIES for Treatment of Mental Disorders

#### [6] Standard Treatment

- a) Outpatient psychotherapies, medication and procedures
- b) Inpatient psychotherapies, medication and procedures
- c) Ancillary support services

### **[6 b ] Inpatient psychotherapies, medication and procedures**

MHYFVic basic policy is for assessment and treatment to be undertaken with the child in its own family environment, but acknowledging occasions when this is not feasible and may require an inpatient setting.

MHYFVic policy is that inpatient admission only be undertaken for specifiable goals in a setting that is best able to meet those goals.

MHYFVic advocates that all regional child and adolescent mental health services have direct admission access to a range of inpatient services appropriate for the spectrum of developmental stages, diagnostic and therapeutic needs, including capacity for family admissions. Inpatient management should maintain the involvement of the community-based caseworkers.

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