

**Nursing Workflow**  
**Specialized Nursing Assessment (SNA)**

Individual Referred to  
Nursing

Reasons to refer Individuals for Specialized Nursing Assessment (SNA):

- Flagged by Intake or NOMS
- Requested by physician/prescriber
- Nurse identifies need while providing other services
- Yearly follow up after completing last SNA (more frequently if needed)
- New Medical Issues found

Does Nurse identify if individual has any concerns listed below:

- No primary care physician, with some medical concern or substance use
- Lacking follow up care or physicals in last year
- Multiple medical comorbidities without specialists assigned and/or person's served are having health issues not being addressed in returned Coordination of Care Documents

**Yes, and SNA Meets Medical Necessity**

**No, or SNA does not Meet Medical Necessity**

RN will:

1. Update Non-CMH Meds in the EMR
2. Complete SNA
3. Communicate Findings to treatment team
4. Obtain ROI and share findings with other providers that provide service to the individual (Coordination of Care)
5. Prepare to assist in the Person Centered Planning Process
6. Follow up in six months or sooner depending on clinical complexity and RN's clinical judgment, and again 1 year after SNA completed. Following up will check for any changes and additional needs the individual may require.

**Then**

RN will:

1. Communicate findings with Treatment Team
2. Assist with Coordination Of Care
3. Make recommendations for Objectives and Interventions in the Person-Centered Plan
4. Request Authorizations for services
5. Observe for changes in the persons care/medical complexity, at least yearly, that may require SNA.

**Medical Necessity** - Services that are necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of disease, illness, or injury and without which the patient can be expected to suffer prolonged, increased or new morbidity, impairment of function, dysfunction of a body organ or part, or significant pain and discomfort.