



GUILTY BUT MENTALLY ILL (GBMI)

What is GBMI?

Group home services provided for members who are involved in the criminal justice system and are sentenced to the custody of the Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS).

Who is eligible?

When an individual convicted of a crime is found to be suffering from a mental disorder or developmental disability at the time the crime was committed, the judge may sentence the individual to the custody of the DPHHS Director for placement at an appropriate correctional, mental health, or developmental disability facility. To be released to a GBMI group home setting, an individual must have been determined appropriate for this type of placement.

Who are the GBMI providers?

Providers of GBMI mental health group homes are Mental Health Centers with a forensic group home endorsement and the Montana State Hospital (MSH).

What services are available?

MSH provides assessment and treatment in a facility setting. To receive GBMI reimbursement, group homes must provide a minimum of two hours of treatment per day, seven days a week to the individual. A GBMI group home setting must provide the following treatment:

- Evaluation, assessment, and assistance with navigation of barriers to independent living and community integration;
- Aid and encouragement to develop necessary social networks to minimize social isolation and increase opportunities for a socially integrated life;
- Assistance with and facilitation of daily living skills development and integration of the behaviors necessary for maintenance of a home; and
- Assistance with identification and access to opportunities for employment and education/vocational training.

All group home providers must offer the following ongoing treatment and training:

- Community adjustment,
- Personal care,
- Socialization, and
- Recreation/leisure.

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