

MALPRACTICE RISKS :

DURING INTAKE/INVESTIGATION

- Inadequate screening of referral
- Inappropriate risk tagging
- Failure to investigate
- Inappropriate response time
- Inadequate assessment/diagnosis
- Services inconsistent with assessment
- Inattention to applicable laws and regulations
- Inappropriate/untimely documentation

DURING ONGOING SERVICES

- Not developing a mutually agreed upon service plan
- Promising and failing to cure
- Inappropriate referrals
- Negligence in monitoring and evaluating the plan
- Not clarifying goals and objectives of service
- Inattention to applicable laws and regulations
- Inappropriate/untimely documentation

AT CASE CLOSING

- Inappropriate assessment of risk
- Inappropriate assessment of gains and further needs
- Failure to make further referrals if needs exist
- Prolonging service when not necessary
- Inappropriate/untimely documentation