

DHS Updates for WCHSA Executive Board Meeting  
January 5, 2017

**Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS)**

**[DCTS Information Memo 2016-09](#) (Replaces DMHSAS Information Memo 2010-03)**

**DHS 40 Mental Health Day Treatment Services for Children Interpretation of Best Practice**

This memo provides information and direction regarding the interpretation and implementation of the level system written within Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 40, Mental Health Day Treatment Services for Children. All of the standards in DHS 40 remain in place. This memo attempts to clarify and expand upon the distinction between Level I, Level II, and Level III; to strengthen the importance of acquiring a good clinical evaluation/assessment of each child to determine if there are unidentified co-morbid mental illnesses that require treatment; and to emphasize obtaining all the necessary clinical records prior to admission.