

Common Principles for Court Mandated Care
DRAFT for discussion

- Once a court, based on public safety considerations, determines that a person can be ordered into community-based treatment, then decisions as to level of care should be made by a qualified health care professional using a validated evaluation instrument.
- Court orders to drug or alcohol treatment shall be based on a level of care determination made by a qualified health care professional using a validated evaluation instrument. **[OASAS strongly recommends that the Locator 3 be the instrument that is used.]**
- Managed care providers shall reimburse for drug and alcohol treatment ordered by a court when that order is based on a level of care determination made by a qualified health care professional using a validated evaluation instrument, and such service is within the managed care provider's benefit package.
- Courts shall provide access to the full continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services, as needed, based on a level of care determination made by a qualified health care professional using a validated evaluation instrument.
- Managed care providers shall reimburse for the full continuum of alcohol, drug, and other related treatment and rehabilitation services, as needed and ordered by a court based on a level of care determination made by a qualified health care professional using a validated evaluation instrument, when such service is within the managed care provider's benefit package.