Clinical Guidelines and Service Definitions
Sex Abuse Treatment - Plethysmograph

Funding Stream:
Perpetrators should pay for their own treatment or be assessed full fee for service, depending on court order (DHS Core Services Handbook Policy). Based on the need for treatment and income of the offender, CORE services can be accessed on a case-by-case basis.

Definition of Core Service:
- **Service goals are centered on promoting child and family safety and family protective capacity.**
- The Penile Plethysmograph (PPG) is a computerized system, inferring sexual arousal by measuring changes in the penile circumference. A stretchable band with mercury in it is fitted around the subject's penis. The band is connected to a computer with a video screen and data recorder. Any changes in penis size, even those not felt by the subject, are recorded while the subject views sexually suggestive pictures, slides, or movies, or listens to audio tapes describing sexual interactions with males, and females of all ages. Computer software is used to develop graphs showing "the degree of arousal to each stimulus." Utilized with the sex offender evaluation as a monitoring tool to decide risk for re-offense and treatment targets.

Estimated Length of Treatment:
One session over one to three hours

Frequency of Services:
Utilized once at the evaluation and towards the end of treatment to monitor treatment progress and potential for re-offense.

Provider Credentials:
- Must be Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) approved and comply with credentialing guidelines for approval as a Full Operating Level Provider or Associate Level Provider
- All Evaluators must be an SOMB approved provider and must act in full compliance with SOMB guidelines
  - or -
- Must have a Master’s Degree and have submitted an “intent to apply” waiver with a Sex Offender Management Board
- Must have direct weekly supervision by a Full Operating Level Provider
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- Must have a minimum of eight (8) documented hours per year of continuing education, training, workshops in Sexual Abuse Treatment
- Must carry a workload no greater than 12 Core Services families per week.

**Provider Responsibilities:**
Report required within ten business days of completed evaluation – both the Caseworker and Care Coordinator are to receive copies of the report. A separate report is not needed if the results will be incorporated into a Sex Offense-Specific Evaluation or Psychosexual Assessment.

Providers will have monthly direct personal contact with caseworkers to discuss the status/progress of the case.

**Caseworker Responsibilities:**
Refer to Core Services Handbook or Provider Manual.

**Staffing:**
Not applicable.