




**COBB COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
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<b>Policy # 8155</b>	<b>Behavioral Health Crisis Center, Individualized Care – Observation Unit</b>
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**POLICY:**

It is the policy of the Cobb County Community Services Board and the Douglas County Community Services Board's Behavioral Health Crisis Center (BHCC) that multidisciplinary assessments that support the stabilization and recovery of individuals are developed by licensed clinicians and are incorporated into the Individualized Recovery Plan for Adults.

**PROCEDURE:**

- A. The Physician at a minimum:
  - 1. Conducts the initial assessment of the individual;
  - 2. Documents the rationale for medications prescribed to each individual;
  - 3. Assesses the individual's response to care and services provided;
  - 4. Assesses the individual for risk of suicide; and
  - 5. Conducts an assessment of the individual at the time of discharge.
- B. The Staff will follow the Admission Protocol Observation Unit Policy # 8151 for Assessment and Referral to services.
- C. All Individuals who do not convert to observation or acute will be given the following, with the individuals' permission (developed with RN or Social Worker)
  - 1. Safety Plan
  - 2. Contact Numbers for the Suicide Hotline and GCAL (part of Safety Plan)
  - 3. Follow up appointment with appropriate services
    - a. Outpatient Appointment
    - b. Links to community services as needed