

## Referral Guidelines

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### What is Bridge Acute Treatment Unit?

Bridge ATU is a 16-bed acute treatment unit (ATU) for adults in need of short-term psychiatric stabilization. Admissions and discharges are available 24/7. Our facility is designed for individuals whose behaviors and/or symptoms of their mental illness are creating a crisis for them, their families or others.

We offer a structured, clinically focused treatment program with daily psychiatric nursing care, licensed-therapist interventions, as well as psychiatrist evaluations and medication management. Bridge ATU is a 72-hour evaluation facility and is able to accept mental health holds. Bridge ATU is contracted with Medicaid and a wide variety of private insurances. A modern 11,000-square-foot facility located adjacent to a soothing nature area, Bridge ATU provides professional care for individuals in an atmosphere that supports recovery.

### How do I refer an individual to Bridge ATU?

- 1) Call Bridge ATU 24/7 at 303 730 0797 to **check on bed space availability**. We accept round-the-clock admissions.
- 2) **Fax all relevant clinical notes**, including the current primary diagnosis related to the emergent situation, along with current medical and substance use information including toxicology and labs if available. Please note that Bridge ATU is unable to accept clients whose reason for admission is due to anything other than mental illness.
- 3) A **nurse-to-nurse consultation** is necessary to promote effective continuity of care.
- 4) If the client has a primary insurer, please **contact the private insurance company for a referral** for authorization. The client **must be informed of any private insurance co-pays or admission fees** prior to admission at Bridge ATU.
- 5) Depending on referral appropriateness, bed availability, unit acuity and other factors, **we evaluate our ability to admit and effectively care for each and every referral** prior to accepting the referral.
- 6) Please **provide contact information for the client's case manager, therapist, psychiatrist, or Utilization Management** staff responsible for continued authorization of services if available.
- 7) Please **arrange for the individual's transportation** to Bridge ATU.

### For more information, contact:

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*Thank you for your referrals.*