

Definitions of Behaviors to be Documented for BASIS Assessment

The definitions below are taken directly from the most recent 2010 revised BASIS assessment manual. Items in italics are “points of clarification” based on various regional and/or state-wide BASIS roundtables.

TANTRUMS/EMOTIONAL OUTBURSTS - A combination of two or more of the following behaviors: screaming, crying, swearing, banging on walls, doors, windows, other objects, throwing self on floor.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - Deliberately breaking, defacing or destroying things by hitting, tearing or cutting, throwing, burning, marking or scratching.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT - Causing physical pain to other people or to animals by hitting, kicking, biting, pinching, scratching, pulling hair or striking with an object.

DISRUPTION - Interfering significantly with activities of others by clinging, pestering or teasing, arguing or complaining, picking fights, laughing or crying without reason, interrupting, yelling or screaming.

VERBAL / GESTURAL ABUSE - Swearing, verbal threats, name-calling, obscene gestures, gestures that indicate aggressive intent or threat.

SELF-INJURY - Causing injury to own body by hitting self; banging head; scratching, cutting or puncturing, biting, rubbing skin (*removing scabs*); pulling out hair; picking on skin; biting nails (*causing bleeding or biting down to the quick, includes cuticles as well*) or pinching. Anorexia/Bulimia are not considered to be “Self-Injurious”

TEASING / HARASSING - Any behavior performed deliberately to annoy another person.

RESISTS SUPERVISION- Noncompliant behavior, refuses to follow instructions. (*Example: says “no” or decides not to complete the task, or must be asked multiple times before the task is completed*)

RUNNING / WANDERING AWAY- Repeatedly and deliberately or inadvertently leaving program area, group activity or living area and requires staff support to insure health and safety. (*leaving to the point at which the caretaker is unaware of the consumer’s whereabouts*)

STEALS- Deliberately takes belongings, including food, of another. (*this can include beverages, personal items, anything in a store or public place*)

EATS INEDIBLES - Puts objects other than food or medicine, that are not considered to be acceptable or appropriate to eat into the mouth and ingesting them. (*Example: fingernails, paper, glue, trash, raw/frozen/spoiled/discarded food*)

INAPPROPRIATE SEXUAL BEHAVIOR- Public masturbation, public undressing, inappropriate touching of self or others, making sexual remarks or gestures, forcing sexual attentions on others or voyeurism.

SMEARS FECES- Deliberately handling, throwing, or spreading feces. (*This does Not include accidental smearing due to personal hygiene difficulties.*)

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