

Appendix B: Proposed Behavioral Health Structural Measures[^]

Pediatric Readiness Domain	Behavioral Health Quality Measure
Policies and Procedures	Policy for basic triage and mental health assessment
	Policy for pediatric safety assessment
	Policy for pediatric mental health observation
	Policy and procedure for pediatric suicide screening
	Policy for medical screening exam for pediatric patients with mental health complaints
	Clinical pathways guideline for management of children with mental health problems, including special populations
	Pediatric de-escalation policy and procedure
	Policy and procedure for pediatric restraint
	Arrangements/Transfer agreements with community agencies for children's mental health (and substance use) <u>referral/follow up</u>
	Arrangements/Transfer agreements with community mental health crisis services to provide community-based mental health <u>crisis interventions</u>
Pediatric Competencies	Mandatory mental health de-escalation training for all staff
	Mandatory trauma-informed care training for all staff
Support Services	Mental health professional consultation available 24/7
Infrastructure*	Dedicated location and space for pediatric patients with mental health complaints
[^] These measures were proposed by the Emergency Mental Health Quality Improvement Collaborative for Kids (EMQUICK) composed of 22 national experts in children's mental health Co-Chaired by Drs. Susan Duffy and Tom Chun. EMQUICK works collaboratively to assist in the development and implementation of rigorous, evidence-based quality improvement measures for pediatric mental health care in emergency departments (ED).	
* Not considered a pediatric readiness domain.	