Who is a candidate for VNSNY Behavioral Health?

Patients who present with the following may benefit from behavioral health intervention:

- History of medication non-adherence
- Mood or mental status negatively impacted by chronic pain or impaired functional abilities
- Recent loss: sad and tearful
- Overt anxiety symptoms
- Behavioral disturbances such as irritability, agitation, paranoia, hallucinations
- Failure to connect with traditional outpatient services
- Limited social and community support
- PHQ-2 score of 3 or greater
- Currently on psychiatric medication
- Alzheimer’s disease or other types of dementia with behavioral disturbances requiring caregiver support and education

For more information about this service, or to refer a patient, please call VNSNY at 1-866-632-2557.
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Your patient who meets the following eligibility criteria:

- Has a psychiatric diagnosis with symptoms of behavioral disturbances, such as:
  - Anxiety disorder, depression, acute exacerbation of bipolar disorder or schizophrenia
  - Alzheimer’s disease or other types of dementia, and has an involved caregiver who requires support
- Is psychiatrically or medically homebound (for Medicare beneficiaries), i.e.:
  - Refuses to leave home
  - Is unsafe to leave home unattended (physical limitation is not necessary)
- Requires psychiatric skilled nursing care, such as:
  - Comprehensive assessment, including use of evidence-based screening tools
  - Supportive counseling and diagnosis-specific psycho-education using self-management tools
  - Medication management with strategies to improve adherence
  - Care coordination and individualized treatment plan with an interdisciplinary approach
- Is under the care of a physician

Patients are not eligible for behavioral health services if they may cause harm to themselves or others, or are actively abusing drugs/alcohol without participation in substance abuse treatment. Patients with dementia must have a caregiver available for visits.

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