



MEND

MEMBERS EDUCATION AND NETWORK FOR DEPENDENCY

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The goal of this program is to service active participants and dependents of the NYCDCC Welfare Fund in addressing substance abuse and mental health issues through the following services:

- ***Referrals for appropriate level of treatment including inpatient and outpatient treatment***
- ***Case management and Coordination of Services with outside providers***
- ***Supportive services***
- ***Education***

MEND is designed to:

- **Verify eligibility for coverage, and/or assist in locating and obtaining coverage**
- **Conduct thorough assessments for appropriate level of treatment and length of stay**
- **Provide treatment authorization in accordance with established guidelines**
- **Assist participants and/or dependents with identifying their treatment needs and goals**
- **Help participants and their dependents to secure services at treatment facilities**
- **Provide in-house support services including individual and family counseling, support groups, and educational groups**
- **Provide educational workshops to not only those utilizing the program, but also Apprentices, Shop Stewards, and employees of the Benefit Funds and District Council**