**Behavioral Health Guidelines in the CED**

* Provide expectations to patient and caregivers on admittance to CED
* Focused assessment Q 12 hours
* Vital Signs Q 12 hours 0900 and 2100 and after interventions and/or when RN and behavioral health tech (BHT) deem necessary
* Encourage/provide personal hygiene daily
* Have Social Worker ask family what Pharmacy patient gets prescriptions filled, then have ED pharmacist contact pharmacy to obtain patient’s current medications and enter into EMR. (Goal of having admitting physician sign off on home meds of patient)
* Behavioral Assessment on admission and then every four hours to include:

1. Orientation to person, place, time and situation
2. Affect and mood
3. Evidence of psychosis (i.e. responding to hallucinations and/or delusions)
4. Environmental stressors
5. Sleep disturbances
6. Observe potential for elopement
7. Observe potential for harming self/others
8. Observe verbal and nonverbal behavior
9. Functional ability
10. Coping Mechanisms
11. Cognitive function

\*1-8 can be covered by BHT. A .dot phrase has been created to use in ED Notes.

* Hourly documentation on status of patient (example: patient asleep, patient playing cards) should be documented in the Patient Observation section in Epic.