

Treatment Plan Review Cheat Sheet

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A treatment plan review is the periodic note that measures progress against each goal in the active treatment plan, records barriers and new clinical information, and ends in a decision: continue unchanged or update. Most run 150 to 500 words.

1 – Header and plan linkage the version trail auditors follow

Do: date the review; identify the plan version under review and the period covered.

Pitfall: a review that never says which plan it reviews.

2 – Participation who took part, and how

Do: record client and team involvement and how the client's input was gathered.

Pitfall: nothing showing understanding, involvement, and agreement where a program requires it.

3 – Progress toward each goal the plan's own measures

Do: give per-goal status with the measure the plan set: scores, attendance, function.

Pitfall: one global "client is doing well" line with no per-goal evidence.

4 – Barriers and new information symptoms, access, life events

Do: name what interfered, plus any diagnosis, risk, or medication change.

Pitfall: barriers listed with no plan response.

5 – Continued medical necessity why care continues at this dose

Do: state remaining impairment, regression risk, or the maintenance rationale, and any step-down criteria.

Pitfall: progress documented so well the note undercuts necessity.

6 – Decision: change or no-change rationale a review may conclude "continue"

Do: revise goals, dates, or frequency; or give the evidence for continuing unchanged.

Pitfall: re-signing the same text each cycle; cloned reviews read as no review.

7 – Signatures, dates, next review close the loop

Do: sign with credentials; collect required client or supervisor signatures; set the next review date.

Pitfall: unsigned or undated reviews; signature gaps are a top federal audit finding.

Before you sign

- ☐ Names the plan version it reviews
- ☐ Per-goal status uses the plan's measures
- ☐ Every barrier meets a plan response
- ☐ Necessity stated: impairment, risk, or maintenance
- ☐ Participation and required signatures documented
- ☐ Next review date set

Drafting with AI

Give it the active plan plus your progress notes or bullets: per-goal scores, barriers, medication and risk status, what changes.

"Draft a treatment plan review from this plan and these six progress notes: PHQ-9 17 to 11, work goal stalled (employer restructuring), meds unchanged: ..."

Never paste client-identifying information into consumer AI tools. BastionGPT is HIPAA-compliant with a signed BAA on every plan.

150–500 words
typical length

10–20 min by hand
clinical team estimate

On your program's cadence
when it's written

Client · payers · auditors
who reads it

Treatment Plan Review Template

Copy or print for your practice - Adapt fields to your organization's, payer's and jurisdiction's documentation requirements.

Client (initials): _____ Review date: _____ Review #: _____

Plan under review (date/version): _____ Period covered: _____

Participants and client input

Who took part; how the client's input was gathered; agreement or disagreement

Goal 1: progress and status

Status (met / progressing / no change / regressed) with the plan's own measure and evidence

Goal 2: progress and status

Add rows per goal; every goal in the plan gets a status

Barriers and new clinical information

Diagnosis, risk, or medication changes; pair each barrier with a response

Continued medical necessity

Remaining impairment, regression risk, or maintenance rationale; step-down criteria

Plan changes (or rationale for no change)

Revised goals, objectives, target dates, frequency; or the evidence for continuing unchanged

Next review date: _____ Review cadence set by: _____

Clinician signature / credentials: _____ Date signed: _____

Client signature, where required: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor signature, where required: _____ Date: _____