

## How to Refer a Patient

to

The Adult Behavioral Medicine Center at Merrimack Valley Hospital

## Physician Referrals -Please Call (978) 521-8360

\*Once you make the call to the Center - we take care of the rest!

\*Our unit is licensed to care for individuals 55 years or older

Screening: The intake coordinator will screen all potential patients and:

- o complete the three page admission document,
- o verify insurance,
- o determine the health care decision maker,
- o review clinical information with the interdisciplinary team, and
- o assess the patient's appropriateness and need for inpatient care.

Admissions: When hospital level of care is appropriate and the potential patient is in agreement with the admission, our staff will facilitate the signin process with patients or with the patient's legally authorized representative when there is an activated health care proxy.

\*If the patient is not in agreement with inpatient level of care, our staff can help facilitate admission, which may require a Section 12a