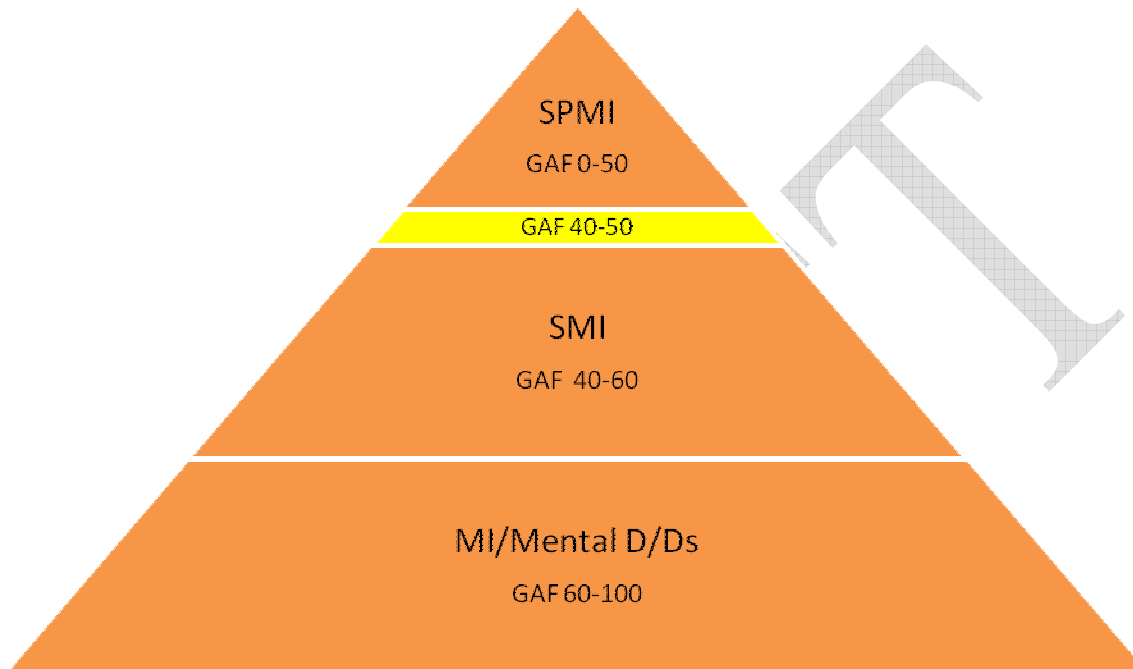


Behavioral Health System Levels of Care Draft Diagram



Assessment of impaired functioning is achieved by the administration of the Global Assessment of Functioning Scale (GAF). Three tiers, based upon GAF ratings, will be used in determining levels of care for individuals diagnosed with mental illness. To qualify for the first tier (SPMI, highest level of need), the client must meet a rating of 50 or below. Ratings between 40 and 60 will qualify for the second level tier (SMI, mid-range level of need), and those between 60 and 100 will qualify for the third level tier (MI/Mental D/Ds, lowest level of need). Clinician discretion may be used in determining into which tier an individual with a GAF score of 40-50 (either tier 1 or tier 2) should be placed.