



BARRIERS TO TREATMENT OF SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

Serious mental illnesses are chronic conditions that require comprehensive treatment plans.

Despite the personal and social costs of untreated SMI, **patients still face barriers** to accessing proper treatment, such as:



Utilization
management practices



Medicaid coverage
restrictions



Public stigma
and indifference



Patient adherence
to medication



**Access barriers
isolate patients**

from the clinicians,
treatments and support
systems they need to have
a better quality of life.

**Access barriers shouldn't complicate
treatment for patients with SMI.**



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