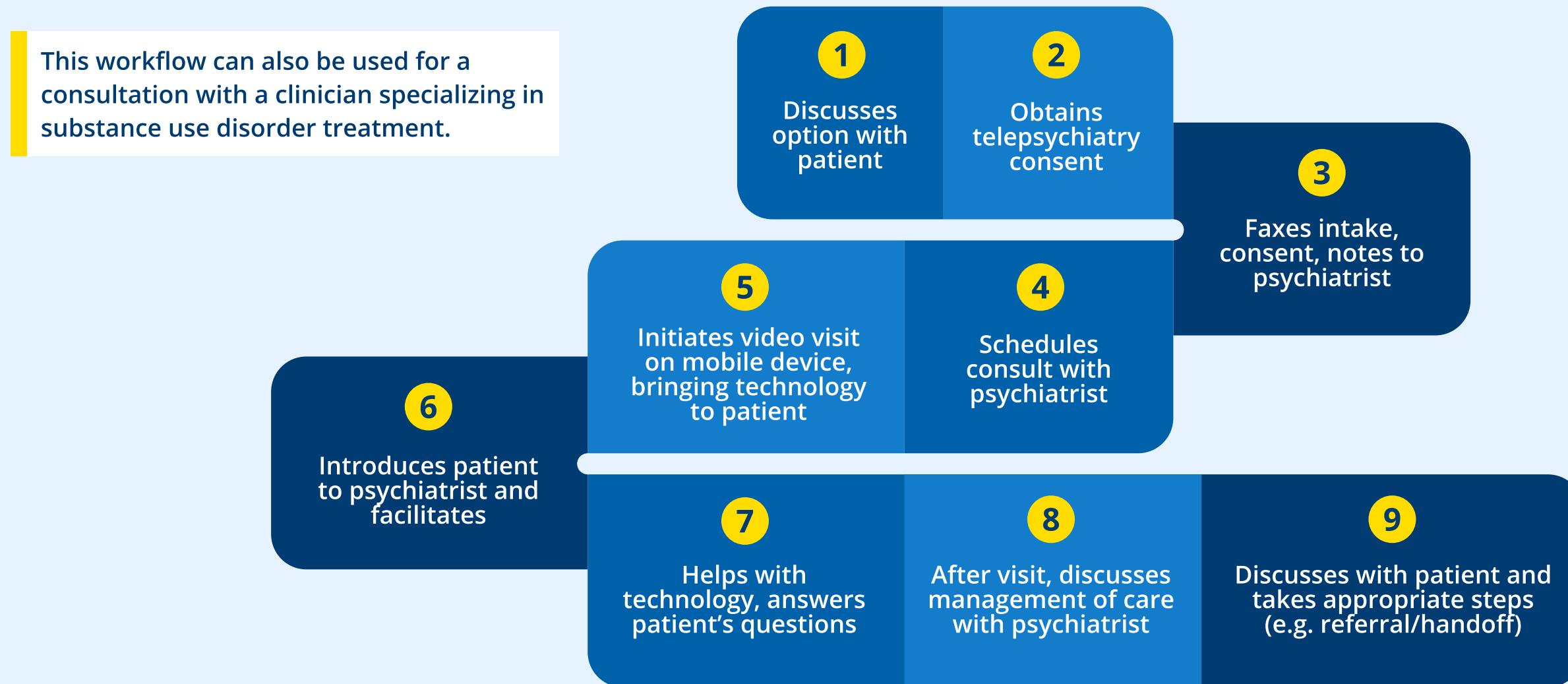


Behavioral Health Assessment Officer (BHAO)

Telepsychiatry Workflow



In many cases, BHAOs can make decisions about patient care without consulting with a psychiatrist. This expertise allows a rural hospital to keep telehealth consults with a specialist outside the area to a minimum. If the BHAO's assessment indicates a psychiatric consult is needed, the BHAO contacts the psychiatrist to discuss the case, and they determine whether a telepsychiatry visit is needed. If it is, the BHAO takes these steps:



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