

ODMHSAS 2013-01

June 21, 2013

Re: Changes to Case Manager/Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Specialist Qualifications

Dear Case Management & Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services Providers:

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) in collaboration with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) made revisions to the provider qualifications for certified behavioral health case managers (CM) and Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Specialists (BHRS) that for some individuals, will go into effect July 1, 2013, depending on whether the individual was certified as a CM or designated as a BHRS on or before June 30, 2013.

Certified Behavioral Health Case Managers:

- **Effective July 1, 2013, the Case Manager III certification for Master's level, licensed individuals will no longer be required.** Licensed Behavioral Health Professionals, including those under supervision for licensure, will be able to provide case management services pursuant to their licensure and bill for the services under their LBHP credentials and provider contract. LBHPs will continue to bill using T1017 with the HO modifier as the second modifier and be reimbursed at the existing CM III rates.
- **Effective July 1, 2013, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors (CADCs) will no longer be required to obtain or maintain certification as a Case Manager II** in order to provide/bill for case management services, but will also be allowed to provide the service pursuant to their CADC certification and bill for the services under their CADC credentials and provider contract. CADCs will continue to bill using T1017 with the HN modifier as the second modifier and be reimbursed at the existing CM II (Bachelor level) rates.
- **Effective July 1, 2013, individuals who are not certified as a CM II on or before June 30, 2013 must meet the following requirements in order to be certified as a CM II:**
 - **Education:**
 - Bachelor's/Master's in a behavioral health related field or a Bachelor's/Master's in Education with at least 9 hours of credit in a behavioral health related field; **or**
 - Current license as a registered nurse in Oklahoma with experience in behavioral health care; **or**
 - Bachelor's/Master's in *any* field **and** a current certification as a Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner (CPRP) from the United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (*information on this certification can be found at www.usPRA.org*)
 - **Training:**
 - Case Management web based training
 - Behavioral health rehabilitation web based training.
 - One day of face-to-face CM training
 - Two days of face to face behavioral health rehabilitation training.
 - **Examination**
 - Case Management exam
 - Behavioral health rehabilitation exam
- **Individuals certified as a Case Manager II on or before June 30, 2013 will have until July 1, 2014 to meet the requirements noted above.** Additionally, ODMHSAS & OHCA intend to revise Case Management provider qualification rules again during the 2014 legislative session to reflect that individuals will also have the option of obtaining a Children's Certificate in Psychiatric

Rehabilitation from USPRA in lieu of the CPRP if they do not have a behavioral health related bachelor's/master's degree, as well as to reflect that a bachelor's or master's degree in Education is acceptable without an additional nine (9) hours of behavioral health related coursework. In order to assist providers in obtaining the Children's Certificate in Psychiatric Rehabilitation, ODMHSAS will work with USPRA to make their three day face-to-face training available in Oklahoma.

- **Certification Renewal Date Change:** Effective July 1, 2013, CM certifications must be renewed by June 30 of the calendar year following twelve (12) months of continuous certification and annually thereafter, rather than by December 31. This means that individuals certified as CM II on or before June 30, 2013 will not need to renew their certifications this year or submit proof of continuing education units (CEUs), but will have through June 30, 2014 to reapply and demonstrate compliance with the new requirements by July 1, 2014. In order to assist you through this transition, ODMHSAS will waive the renewal/application fee for those providers who begin the re-application/renewal process prior to December 31 of this year.
- **No changes have been made to the CM I provider qualifications or processes.**

Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Specialists (BHRS):

- Effective July 1, 2013, an individual not designated as a BHRS on or before June 30, 2013 must either be:
 - Licensed Behavioral Health Professional (including those under supervision for licensure);
 - Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor; or
 - Certified Behavioral Health Case Manager II meeting the July 1, 2013 requirements (see above).
- Individuals with a BHRS designation on or before June 30, 2013 will have until July 1, 2014 to meet the new requirements. Until that time, current BHRS may continue to provide and bill for psychiatric rehabilitation services pursuant to OHCA rules.

ODMHSAS will provide an aggressive training schedule over the next year in order to assist providers in meeting the new qualifications in a timely manner. For more information on the new CM/BHRS certification requirements and processes, including how to register for upcoming trainings and which degrees are considered "behavioral health related", please visit the Behavioral Health Case Management link at www.ok.gov/odmhsas.

If you have any questions about the changes mentioned in this letter or the Behavioral Health Case Manager certification process in general, please contact Ramona Webster at 405-522-5366 or Ramona.Webster@odmhsas.org.