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The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify qualification requirements for staff providing substance abuse services.

Provided below are revisions to the noted portions of the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Chapter of the Medicaid Provider Manual related to staff qualifications.

1.7 Definition of Terms

Definitions of two professionals will be added:

Certified Addictions Counselor: An individual who possesses an addictions counselor (CAC) certification as a result of meeting established criteria.

Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist: An individual who has specialized training or one year of experience in treating or working with a person who has a substance use disorder and is a physician, psychologist, nurse, social worker, Certified Addictions Counselor (CAC). Or an individual who has completed and passed the Fundamentals of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems (FAODP) exam and has three years of experience in the provision of substance abuse treatment services.

SECTION 12- SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

References to the provider qualifications are being added to the services listed this section.

12.1 Access Assessment and Referral (AAR) Services

Services must be provided under the supervision of a Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist.

Outpatient Treatment

Services must be provided under the supervision of a Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist.

Intensive Outpatient Treatment

Services must be provided under the supervision of a Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist.
Office of Pharmacological and Alternative Therapies/Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

(OPAT/CSAT) Approved Pharmacological Supports

Services must be provided under the supervision of a licensed physician. Methadone must be administered by a Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical Nurse or Pharmacist.

SECTION 18-ADDITIONAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

References to the provider qualifications are being added to the services listed this section.

18.1 Sub-Acute Detoxification

Services must be provided under the supervision of a Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist. Services may be provided by non-degreed staff.

18.2 Residential Treatment

Services must be provided under the supervision of a Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist. Services may be provided by non-degreed staff.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information is incorporated in the Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

If you have questions about the manual, or problems locating information, you may contact Provider Inquiry at 1-800-292-2550 or providersupport@michigan.gov. If you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and a phone number so you may be contacted if necessary.

Approved



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