

Summary of Changes in DBHS Policy

Provider Certification for Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Mental Illness (RSPMI)

1. Section: Purpose: Specific certification by DBHS to provide school-based services is required.
2. Section I: Only the organization providing the RSPMI services is eligible for Medicaid enrollment, billing and payment.
3. Section II.A: Definition of accreditation is clarified.
4. Section: II.B: Providers must assure staffing numbers are sufficient and defines minimum staffing requirements.
5. Section II.C: Clarifies certification responsibility of Division of Behavioral Health Services, regardless of accreditation status by JCAHO, CARF or COA.
6. Section II.D: Clarifies communication between DBHS and accrediting agencies.
7. Section II. E: Defines maximum distance between a provider's site of business and the Medicaid recipient's place of residence.
8. Section II. F: A provider "site" is defined. Psychological evaluation is added to the minimum array of services available for each site.
9. Section II. G: As required by Medicaid standards, a unique Medicaid number is required for each certified site.
10. Section II. H: Requires an onsite audit by DBHS or its representative prior to certification.
11. Section II. I: Describes requirements and timelines for onsite reviews of each provider site by the organization's accrediting agency.
12. Section II. J: Describes requirements for the crisis plan to include the emergency phone number and procedures for each site.
13. Section II. L: Requires that RSPMI services provided must be in a safe environment and in a manner that insures quality and appropriateness.
14. Section II.M: Clarifies actions that can be taken by DBHS based on finding that services are not provided in a safe, ethical and clinically appropriate manner.
15. Section IV and V: Defines timelines and procedures of specific requirements for certification by DBHS in order for an RSPMI provider to provide services in a public school or provided during, or in connection with a child's public education.
16. Section VI: Defines the appeals process available to providers regarding certification actions taken by DBHS.