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SUBJECT:

Allocations Certification Community Plan Critical Information
 Licensure MACSIS Medicaid Policy
 Procedure Other (specify):

TITLE OF CORRESPONDENCE:

Trained Other, Qualified Mental Health Specialist, and Service Provider & Supervisor Matrix Clarification and Rules Page Update

CONTENT:

Effective July 1, 2009, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) promulgated rule changes, which included adding a new eligible provider type, Qualified Mental Health Specialist (QMHS) and defining minimum skill and competency requirements for this credential, along with revising the definition and credentialed abbreviation of a Trained Other (QMHS) to be the same as that of a Qualified Mental Health Specialist.

A Trained Other remains on the matrix as an eligible provider of Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment service (CPST). In order to be in compliance with this rule, Certified agencies should ensure that an otherwise unlicensed/unregistered staff person providing CPST meets the qualifications established in the definition of a "Trained Other" and utilizes "QMHS" as the credential when signing his/her name. Please note that it is also permissible to utilize "Qualified Mental Health Specialist" as the job title for these persons providing CPST service.

While the effective date for the rule changes was July 1, 2009, we are allowing agencies additional time to inform and train staff on these provisions of Ohio Administrative Code rule 5122-29-30 *Eligible Providers and Supervisors*. Each agency should ensure compliance by September 15, 2009. The rule is available on-line at:

http://b9962ed140049a571a710839f1f71c989aaf09ce.gripelements.com/licensurecert/rules_cert_standards/5122-29-30.pdf

Please note that ODMH did not add any new provider qualifications to the matrix of eligible providers and supervisors of CPST service. We are unable to revise this rule until the case of Parents League for Effective Autism Services et al v. Helen Jones-Kelley et al (Case No. 2:08-cv-421) is resolved. A licensed or registered individual, e.g. Marriage and Family Therapist or Psychology Resident, may provide CPST service if he/she meets the qualifications of a Trained Other, and utilizes QMHS after his/her signature, e.g. Jane Doe, MFT, QMHS.

Finally, please note the webpage for ODMH rules has recently changed. An individual utilizing the former web address will be able to access the main page, but the links on this page will not work. The main rules webpage is now found at:

<http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/protect-and-monitor/licensure-and-certification/rules/index.shtml>

REQUIRED ACTION:

Update current rules
Update link to ODMH rules webpage

DATES FOR REQUIRED ACTION:

September 15, 2009

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