



Mississippi Department of Mental Health
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Subject: Home and Community Support Services Provided Through the ID/DD Waiver

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Scope

All DMH/H Certified Providers

Purpose

To provide clarification regarding the employment of family members to provide Home and Community Support Services (HCS) to individuals participating in the ID/DD Waiver.

Subject

Rule 51.2 C states that “Family members employed as staff to provide HCS must meet the qualifications and training requirements outlined in Part 2: Chapters 11 and 12” of the DMH Operational Standards. Rule 11.3 S states that Home and Community Support Services staff must have a high school diploma or equivalent (GED).

As of the effective date of this Provider Bulletin, DMH will no longer approve waivers of this educational requirement.

Rule 11.3 X states that “Approval for a family member to provide Home and Community Support Services or Host Home Services to another family member must be approved by the DMH Review Committee”.

As of the effective date of this Provider Bulletin, DMH approvals for family members to provide HCS will be granted for a maximum period of one year from the date of approval.

Any currently approved waivers of educational requirements or for the provision of services by a family member for HCS will be grandfathered into this process.

Finally, Rule 11.2 D requires that all personnel records have a valid driver’s license, registration and insurance for all designated drivers. As the provision of HCS includes assistance with keeping appointments, social interaction and participation in community services/activities, DMH considers providers of HCS to be designated drivers.

As of the effective date of this Provider Bulletin, DMH will no longer approve waivers for providers of HCS who do not have a valid driver’s license, registration and insurance.

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