



Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Provider Bulletin
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Subject: Changes in DMH Operational Standards due to 1915(i) IDD Community Support Program Renewal

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Scope

All IDD Certified Providers

Purpose

The 1915(i) Home and Community-Based Services State Plan Amendment five-year renewal was approved by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) effective November 1, 2023. This provider bulletin outlines changes in the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Operational Standards as a result of the approval. Descriptions of services in the 1915(i) SPA application were generalized, removing some specific requirements outlined in the DMH Operational Standards. However, throughout the renewal it states all providers must comply with DMH Operational Standards and Division of Medicaid (DOM) Administrative Code.

Subject

Qualification Requirements for Targeted Case Management (Rule 11.3.X) were revised to the following: Targeted Case Managers must hold at least a Bachelor's degree in a human services field with no experience required or a Bachelor's degree in a non-related field with at least one-year relevant experience. Targeted Case Management can also be provided by a Registered Nurse with at least one-year relevant experience. Relevant experience is defined as experience working directly with people with intellectual/developmental disabilities or other types of disabilities or mental illness.

Increase in maximum amount of hours per day for Supported Living (Rule 30.6.F) – The maximum amount of hours increased from four (4) hours per twenty-four (24) hour period to eight (8) hours per twenty-four (24) hour period for the IDD Community Support Program.

In-Home Respite added as a service (Rule 45.1) – The amount of services hours are determined by the level of support required for the person. The maximum amount of hours shall not exceed four (4) hours per twenty-four (24) hour period for the IDD Community Support Program.

Family Members as Providers of In-Home Respite (Rule 45.2) – Rule 45.1.A. states In-Home Respite provides temporary, periodic relief to those people normally providing care for the eligible person. Thus, the service was *designed to give respite to the caregiver*. The caregiver cannot provide respite to himself/herself. Family members living in the home or outside of the home *who are not the person's primary caregiver* may qualify to provide the service through employment with a certified agency if the family member is not legally responsible and meets qualifying criteria.

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