



Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Provider Bulletin
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Subject: Clarification of Behavior Support
Service provided by ID/DD Waiver Providers

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Scope

All certified ID/DD Waiver (1915c) providers.

Purpose

To clarify the purpose of the Behavior Support Service offered through the ID/DD Waiver Program.

Background

Behavior Support Services provide systematic behavior assessment, Behavior Support Plan development, consultation, restructuring of the environment and training for individuals whose maladaptive behaviors are significantly disrupting their progress in learning, self-direction or community participation and/or are threatening to require movement to a more restrictive setting or removal from current services. This service also includes consultation and training provided to families and staff working with the person. The desired outcome of the service is long-term behavior change. More details on this service, the role of the consultant, and the role of the specialist are found in Chapter 46 of the *DMH Operational Standards*.

Subject

Details on the process for implementing Behavior Supports is outlined in Chapter 46 of the *DMH Operational Standards*. The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify Rule 46.1.D.

Rule 46.1.D: Behavior Support must be provided on a one (1) Behavior Support employee to one (1) person ratio. This service is not intended to provide one-on-one supervision and does not replace other direct support staff required as part of another service being received at the same time.

This service is not intended to provide an increased level of supervision (ex. 1:1 supervision) for an ID/DD Waiver participant in any setting (in home, day services, etc.)

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