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<p>Subject: <i>Supported Employment Waiver Option</i></p>	<p>Issue Date: October 7, 2025</p> <p>Effective Date: October 7, 2025</p>

Scope

All DMH/C providers.

Purpose

This bulletin explains the process for Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) that did not receive FY26 Supported Employment grant funding. Because Supported Employment is a Required Service under Chapter 3 of the DMH *Operational Standards*, the CMHCs that are not providing this service and did not receive FY26 Support Employment grant funding must request a waiver through the Certification Review Committee (CRC) in order to remain in compliance.

Supported Employment Waiver Process

Who may request a waiver: CMHCs that did not receive FY26 Supported Employment grant funding and are not currently providing the service.

Authority: Rule 3.2.A.14 of the DMH *Operational Standards* allows CMHCs to request a waiver for required services they are unable to provide.

How to submit a request:

- Complete a waiver request form available on the DMH website.
- Email the form to certification@dmh.ms.gov at least seven (7) business days before the CRC meeting date.
- The CRC typically meets on the last Wednesday of each month.
- Requests submitted after the deadline will be reviewed at the next month's meeting. CMHCs must have a waiver request submitted and approved, as applicable, by December 1, 2025.

This process ensures that providers who were not awarded FY26 Supported Employment funding remain in compliance with certification standards. CMHCs that do not submit a waiver request for this Required Service may be subject to probation or suspension.

For questions regarding Supported Employment waiver requests, contact the DMH Division of Certification at certification@dmh.ms.gov.

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