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To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Behavioral Health Providers

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Subject: Medicaid Behavioral Health Services Provider Manual Revisions

Summary: The Louisiana Department of Health has published revisions to the Medicaid Behavioral Health Services Provider (BHSP) Manual for 2018.

A list of the sections updated in the Behavioral Health Service Providers (BHSP) Manual and where to find detailed information in the manual is below. The BHSP Manual can be found at www.lamedicaid.com > Providers.

It is important that you review this information to ensure that you and your agency are complying with these processes.

Topic	Description	Reference Section and Page for more information
Provider Requirements	This section was updated to renumber the grid for relevant sections pertaining to Therapeutic Group Homes, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities, BH Services in a FQHC or RHC, Outpatient Therapy by a Licensed Practitioner, Rehabilitation Services for Children, Adolescents, and Adults, Addiction Services and Coordinated Systems of Care.	Sec. 2.1 – Page 1 of 1
Core Services	There are certain core services that Behavioral Health Service Providers (BHSPs) must offer to its clients. The BHSP shall provide these services through qualified staff and practitioners to its clients when needed and desired by its clients. A full list of core services can be found in the BHSP manual.	Sec. 2.3 – Page 5 of 38
Adult Medicaid Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An adult with a diagnosis of a substance use disorder or intellectual/developmental disability without additional co-occurring qualifying mental health diagnoses do not meet criteria for Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation Services• Additional Adult Eligibility Criteria for Community Psychiatric Support and	Sec. 2.3 – Page 11 of 38

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	Treatment (CPST) and Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (PSR): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members must meet the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) definitional of serious mental illness (SMI). • Members must have at least a level of care of three on the Level of Care Utilization System (LOCUS) Assessment 	
Residential Services – Staffing Requirements	Revised to address staffing requirements for psychiatric residential treatment facility (PRTF)	Sec. 2.2 – Page 14 of 28
Additional Service Criteria	Services provided to children and adolescents must include communication and coordination with the family and/or legal guardian, including any agency legally responsible for the care or custody of the child and must be documented in the medical record.	Sec. 2.3 – Page 12 of 38
Assessment and Treatment Planning	Requirements and timeframes for assessment and treatment planning.	Sec. 2.3 – Page 4 of 38
Youth Support and Training Services	Revised on Pages 3, 9 and 14 to clarify that place of service for parent support and training, youth support and training and independent living/skills building cannot be the provider’s place of residence.	Sec. 2.5 – Pages 3, 9 & 14
Appendix A	Appendix A was updated to include all relevant forms and links for behavioral health services	Appendix A – Pages 1 – 2
Approved Curriculum	Revised to include a comprehensive peer training plan and curriculum requirement.	Appendix D – Page 2 of 8
Appendixes E-1, E-2, E-3 and E-4	These appendixes were added to ensure compliance with current licensing requirements for Evidence Based Practices (ACT, FFT, FFT-CW, Homebuilders, and MST).	Appendixes attached to the BHSP Manual
Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Functional Therapy – Child (FFT-CW)	Provider qualifications and responsibilities for FFT and FFT-CW agencies.	Appendix E-2 – Page 8 of 17
Homebuilders	Provider qualifications and responsibilities for Homebuilders providers	Appendix E-3 – Page 6 of 12
Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST)	Provider qualifications and responsibilities required to provide MST services.	Appendix E-4 – Page 9 of 15

Questions:

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to the care of our members. If you have questions about this communication, please contact AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana’s Provider Services department at 1-888-922-0007 or your Provider Network Management Account Executive.