



Magellan Compliance Notebook

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) strives to be proactive and use education as a preventative tool to help ensure our members receive the highest quality of care through you, the provider. The Compliance Department at Magellan is committed to sending monthly e-mails to targeted providers regarding a Compliance-related subject.

This e-mail communication is specific to your HealthChoices (Pennsylvania Medicaid) Contract with Magellan.

This month we would like to ensure that our contracted providers have received and reviewed the new Pennsylvania requirement that Certified Peer Specialists obtain formal peer certification.

To more formally recognize the value of peers in the workforce, Pennsylvania is moving to a new full peer certification offered by the Pennsylvania Certification Board (PCB). **This new formal certification will be necessary to provide Medicaid billable peer support services.**

To make this transition as easy as possible for current Pennsylvania Peer Specialists, there will be a time-limited grandparenting process for those who wish to obtain the new full certification during the grandparenting period. The grandparenting period begins March 1, 2018 and ends August 31, 2019.

The requirements for the grandparenting process must be met but **no additional exam** will be required.

The requirements to become grand-parented include:

- **You must have completed the two-week peer specialist training from one of the recognized training vendors. Those two vendors are the Institute for Recovery and Community Integration and RI Consulting.**
- **Complete the [CPS Grandparenting Application](#) and sign and date a Peer-specific code of ethical conduct.**
- **Signed and notarized release form.**

There is no initial cost to peers for obtaining the credential as the grandparenting fee is being underwritten by the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS).

The new CPS certification will be valid for two years. To avoid a lapse in certification, recertification should occur before the end of the two-year certification period. Recertification requires obtaining 36 hours of CEUs every two years and a \$50 two-year recertification fee. This new formal certification through the PCB is designed to help strengthen the profession and give CPSs a stronger voice, while maintaining the essence of peer support in delivering recovery oriented services. We urge you to complete the process now, during the grandparenting period, to ensure you can continue to do the great work that you do.

Additional information including the application can be found at the following website:

www.pacertboard.org/cps

Magellan will expect Peer Support Providers billing for Pennsylvania HealthChoices Magellan-eligible members to be compliant with the new certification requirement.

At Magellan, we will continue to educate our providers with updated MA Bulletins, Regulations and other pertinent information in order to ensure Compliance.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work and dedication to our members!

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