

Provider Notice

This communication is being sent on behalf of the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS)

In response to questions and concerns that DMAS has received from Mental Health Intensive Outpatient (MH-IOP) and Mental Health Partial Hospital Programs (MH-PHP) providers, DMAS is making the following clarifications to these services effective 05/27/2022:

1. DMAS will give MH-IOP providers a grace period of two years to meet the requirement to employ a Peer Recovery Specialist as part of the multidisciplinary treatment team. The deadline to meet this requirement will be 06/30/2024.
2. During time periods when providers do not have a Registered Peer Recovery Support Specialist available, MH-IOP providers may use staff working on obtaining experience necessary to become a Registered Peer Recovery Support Specialist to meet the requirement to employ a Peer Recovery Specialist as part of the multidisciplinary treatment team. Only services provided by a Registered Peer Recovery Specialist, however, may be included in the required service components necessary to bill the daily per diem.
3. MH-PHP providers are encouraged, but not required, to include Registered Peer Recovery Support Specialists as part of the multidisciplinary treatment team.

DMAS will be updating Appendix F of the Mental Health Services Manual to reflect these changes.