

Peer Support Certification Changes Frequently Asked Questions



How many hours of training are required to become a Registered Alcohol & Drug Peer Support Specialist (RADPSS)?

The total number of training hours required to become a RADPSS is 51 hours.

- 40 hours of base training based on International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) domains
- 11 additional hours required, which include:
 - 6 hours of suicide training
 - 3 hours of domestic violence training
 - 2 hours of HIV training

Will the Kentucky Board of Alcohol & Drug Counselors (KBADC) accept the training hours completed to become a Certified Peer Support Specialist?

KBADC agrees to accept the 30 hours of training received by a Certified Peer Support Specialist (CPSS).

- A CPSS will be required to submit documentation to verify successful completion of CPSS training by a Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID)-approved training provider or a written statement reflecting active certification from DBHDID.

Will Medicaid reimburse Peer Support Specialist (PSS) services provided by a Temporary RADPSS?

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) will not reimburse for services submitted by a Temporary RADPSS.

Who will Medicaid reimburse for providing substance use disorder (SUD) Peer Support Specialist (PSS) services?

If an agency is billing Medicaid and is providing SUD PSS services, they must be provided by a RADPSS.

Who will Medicaid reimburse for providing Mental Health (MH) Peer Support Specialist services?

If an agency is billing Medicaid and is providing MH PSS services, they must be provided by a CPSS.

Who will Medicaid reimburse for providing Co-Occurring PSS services?

If an agency is billing Medicaid and is providing Co-Occurring PSS services, they must be provided by both RADPSS and CPSS.

A single PSS may provide services with both credentials, or the SUD services can be provided by one (1) RADPSS, and the MH services can be provided by one (1) CPSS.