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TO: Rural Health Clinics (PT 35, PL #A-234)

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RE: Expand Behavioral Health Services

The Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) amended administrative regulation 907 KAR 1:082 to expand coverage provisions and requirements relating to Rural Health Clinic (RHC) services. The amendment serves to expand behavioral health services that can be provided by RHCs consistent with recent changes to 907 KAR Chapter 15. This amendment defined service expansions that can be provided by additional behavioral health practitioners. The amendment also made changes related to health record requirements, telehealth and vaccine coverage.

The amendments to the existing administrative regulation are as follows:

(a) Define the following new terms: “adult peer support specialist”, “approved behavioral health practitioner”, “approved behavioral health practitioner under supervision”, “ASAM Criteria”, “certified alcohol and drug counselor”, “co-occurring disorder”, “family peer support specialist”, “in-person”, “licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor”, “licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor associate”, “medication assisted treatment (MAT)”, “registered alcohol and drug peer support specialist”, “registered behavior technician”, “withdrawal management”, and “youth peer support specialist”.

(b) Combine the service description with the providers who can perform the service consistent with recent changes made to the service descriptions in 907 KAR Chapter 15.

(c) Require compliance with the appropriate level of care of the ASAM Criteria when treating substance use disorder for several types of services.

(d) Allow for telehealth services if the telehealth service is appropriate pursuant to 907 KAR 3:170.

(e) Allow reimbursement for new services of peer support, partial hospitalization, withdrawal management, medication assisted treatment (MAT), and applied behavior analysis.

(f) Allow reimbursement for laboratory services if the RHC has the appropriate certificate.

(g) Increase the health record signature requirement from same day to 72 hours of the date the individual provided the service.

(h) Modify “direct contact” to “direct consultation”.

(i) Allow recipients to request Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice (ACIP) recommended vaccines.

While RHCs are authorized to provide more services, expanding the scope of services is voluntary. To provide the additional and enhanced behavioral health services permitted in the amended administrative regulation, some new provider types or licensure and certification requirements may be needed.

If you have any questions, please call Provider Services at 1-855-824-5615 or contact Division of Health Care Policy at divisionofhealthcarepolicy@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

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