



Community Behavioral Health: Provider Notice New Mental Health Outpatient Regulations November 12, 2019

On **October 12, 2019**, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania published final-form rulemaking related to revised regulations for Outpatient Psychiatric Services and Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics. The full publication may be accessed [here](#).

With the publication, the updated regulations have an effective date of **October 12, 2019**. CBH is working to revise affected documents and tools to align with the revised regulations. Providers are expected to meet the revised regulations as of the effective date of **October 12, 2019**. For any service provided prior to the effective date, the previous regulations would need to have been met to qualify for reimbursement of services.

The revised regulations are likely to have a significant impact for our network of mental health outpatient providers. The revised regulations include, but are not limited to changes related to:

- Calculations for requirements related to psychiatric supervision
- Allowances for up to half of the required psychiatric supervision to be provided by advance practice professionals or remotely accessed psychiatrists via telehealth
- Timing and required participants/signatures for treatment plans
- Requirements for psychiatrist supervision that include consultation, participation in quality management, and clinical staff meetings
- Definitions of Mental Health Professionals and Mental Health Workers

Please review the full revised regulations by accessing the link above. Please contact your assigned Provider Relations Representative or contact CBH Compliance at CBH.ComplianceContact@phila.gov if you have any questions.