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SUBJECT:

**Obsolete Behavioral Health Rehabilitation
Services (BHRS) Bulletins**

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SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to providers enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program rendering services in both the fee-for-service and managed care delivery systems that are approved by the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) to deliver Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services (BHRS).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to announce the bulletins that include requirements for the provision of BHRS that will be obsolete.

BACKGROUND:

On October 19, 2019, the Department of Human Services (Department) promulgated 55 Pa Code Chapters 1155 and 5240, which codified the minimum standards for licensing and MA payment conditions for agencies that deliver Intensive Behavioral Health Services (IBHS) to children, youth and young adults under 21 years of age with mental, emotional and behavioral health needs. The regulations replace the requirements for BHRS previously set forth in bulletins issued by OMHSAS.

DISCUSSION:

Following the promulgation of the IBHS regulations, OMHSAS began notifying providers and other interested stakeholders that agencies that provide IBHS must obtain an IBHS license by January 17, 2021. OMHSAS also informed providers and other interested stakeholders that beginning January 18, 2021, providers will no longer be able to bill for BHRS.

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:
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PROCEDURE:

Because BHRS will no longer be available after January 17, 2021, the following bulletins will become obsolete on January 18, 2021:

- 01-94-01, Outpatient Psychiatric Services for Children Under 21 Years of Age
- 50-96-03, Summer Therapeutic Activities Program
- 01-96-11, Procedures for Service Descriptions
- 01-97-16, Change in Procedure for Requesting and Billing Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS) Services
- 01-98-10, Change in Billing Procedure for Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services
- 17-99-02, Procedures for Licensed, Enrolled, Mental Retardation Providers to Access and Submit Claims for Outpatient Behavioral Health Services for Individuals under 21 Years of Age.
- 01-00-13, Prior Authorization of Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS) Services
- 01-01-04, Behavioral Specialist Consultant and Mobile Therapist
- 01-01-05, Revisions to Policies and Procedures Relating to Mobile Therapy, Behavioral Specialist Consultant and Therapeutic Staff Support Services
- 01-01-07, Addition of Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Service to the Medical Assistance (MA) Program Fee Schedule
- 01-02-05, Reissue of Medical Assistance (MA) Bulletin Addition of Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services to the MA Program Fee Schedule
- 01-02-07, Reminder to Providers Who Prescribe Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services of Documentation Requirements
- 08-04-01, Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics Providing Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services.
- 08-04-06, Discontinuation of the Provider Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services Reports and Issuance of the Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services Provider Handbook, which contains a revised Interagency Service Planning Team Sign-In/Concurrence Form
- 08-05-05, Medical Assistance Program Fee Schedule Procedure Code Changes for Behavioral Health Services
- 08-04-05, Revised Reporting Requirements for Behavioral Rehabilitation Services in the Health Choices Program
- 08-04-07, Revision to the Summer Therapeutic Activities Program Annual Service Description Submission Requirement
- 08-06-15, Revision to Minimum Staff Qualifications of Therapeutic Staff Support (TSS) Workers
- OMHSAS-10-04, Psychological/Psychiatric/Clinical Re-Evaluations and Re-Authorizations for Behavioral Health Rehabilitation (BHR) Services
- OMHSAS-11-05, Clarification of Permissible Arrangements for Psychologists Who are Associated with the Provision of Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services

- OMHSAS-09-01, Guidance for Conducting Functional Behavioral Assessments in the Development of Treatment Plans for Services Delivered to Children with Behavioral Health Needs Compounded by Developmental Disorders
- OMHSAS-12-01, Summer Therapeutic Activities Programs (STAP)
- OMHSAS-14-02, Enrollment and Payment of Licensed Providers that Provide Behavior Specialist Consultant Services to Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- OMHSAS-16-04, Training Requirements for Licensed Behavior Specialists Who Use Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder Services to Provide Applied Behavioral Analysis
- OMHSAS-16-02, Training and Supervision Requirements for Therapeutic Staff Support Workers that Implement Treatment Plans that Include Applied Behavioral Analysis
- OMHSAS-16-07, Enrollment and Payment of Provider Entities that Do Not Have a License to Provide Outpatient, Partial Hospitalization, or Family Based Mental Health Services to Use Behavioral Specialist Consultant Services and Therapeutic Staff Support Services to Provide Applied Behavioral Analysis to Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders
- OMHSAS-16-09, Medical Necessity Guidelines for Applied Behavioral Analysis Using Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder and Therapeutic Staff Support Services
- OMHSAS-17-01, Reissue of Medical Necessity Guidelines for Applied Behavioral Analysis Using Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder and Therapeutic Staff Support Services
- OMHSAS-17-02, Applied Behavioral Analysis Using Behavioral Specialist Consultant-Autism Spectrum Disorder and Therapeutic Staff Support Services