

Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP) Requirements for Psychiatric Outpatient Services

CRNP Utilization

This Bulletin refers specifically to the following services designated for the CRNP within the Outpatient Psychiatric setting:

- ➔ Outpatient Psychiatric-Medication Management-CRNP (300-123)
- ➔ Outpatient Psychiatric-CRNP Evaluation (300-152) *

**CRNPs are not approved as “sign-off” designees for completion of a Comprehensive Biopsychosocial Evaluation/Reevaluation (CBE/R), as Licensed Psychologists and Psychiatrists remain as the only recognized participant signatories for their respective CBE/Rs.*

Effective December 8, 2021:

- ➔ CRNPs providing the two outpatient levels of care described above must be certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Board of Nursing in a Psychiatric/Mental Health specialty area.
 - » Organizational providers (facilities) may utilize CRNPs with a certification other than Psychiatric/Mental Health if the CRNP obtains a mental health certification within 2 years of being hired or contracted by the psychiatric outpatient clinic. (55 PA Code 5200.3)
 - » Independent and group practitioners may not waive this requirement and must be certified in a Psychiatric/Mental Health field prior to credentialing.
- ➔ CRNPs serving children and/or adolescents must also have a certification in a Child/Adolescent related field, or clinical experience working with this population.
- ➔ The collaborating physician must be a board-certified child psychiatrist if:
 - » The CRNP’s caseload is made up of 75% or more children and/or adolescents, or

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- » The CRNP has less than five years of experience serving children and/or adolescents.
- ➔ The collaborating physician must be a psychiatrist providing services at the same physical location as the CRNP.
- ➔ CRNPs without certification in a Psychiatric/Mental Health field must receive at least one hour of documented supervision per week with one of the following: the collaborating physician, the substitute collaborating physician, or the medical director. Supervision must include a chart review with feedback from the physician. CRNPs with certification in a Psychiatric/Mental Health field must receive no less than one hour of documented supervision monthly, as described above.

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