

Requirements for the Credentialing and Supervision of the Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner (CRNP)

CRNP Utilization

The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify the requirements for the utilization of CRNPs across levels of care. Specifically, it will address the following areas:

- ➔ Certification in the field of Psychiatry/Mental Health
- ➔ The collaborating physician relationship
- ➔ Supervision

Unless otherwise noted, this bulletin applies to facilities. It is the responsibility of the facility to credential the CRNP in accordance with all federal, Commonwealth, and CBH requirements.

General Credentialing Requirements Across Levels of Care

Not including Independent and Group Practitioners, Psychiatric Outpatient facilities, and substance use disorder (SUD) American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) 1.0 Outpatient facilities which are addressed separately below. All other SUD facilities should follow Commonwealth regulations and ASAM requirements at a minimum.

- ➔ All CRNPs must be certified in Psychiatry/Mental Health by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). The certification must appear on the license. If the certification does not appear on the license, there must be proof of certification from the ANCC.
- ➔ The collaborating physician must be a psychiatrist with the same provider, at the same location or program.

Additional Requirements for Any Provider Serving Individuals Under 18 Years of Age

- ➔ CRNPs serving children and/or adolescents must also have a certification in a Child / Adolescent related field, or experience in child psychiatry.
- ➔ 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.

Outpatient Psychiatric

- ➔ CRNPs providing the mental health outpatient levels of care must be certified by the ANCC in a Psychiatry/Mental Health specialty area.
 - » Organizational providers (facilities) may utilize CRNPs with a certification other than Psychiatry/Mental Health if the CRNP obtains a Psychiatry/Mental Health certification within 2 years of being hired or contracted by the psychiatric outpatient clinic. (55 PA Code 5200.3).
- ➔ The collaborating physician must be a psychiatrist with the same provider, at the same location or program.
- ➔ 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 Psychiatry/Mental Health must receive no less than one hour of documented supervision monthly, as described above.
- ➔ The requirements for any provider serving individuals under 18 years of age apply.

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

Outpatient SUD (ASAM 1.0)

- ➔ Certification in Psychiatry/Mental Health is not required for ASAM 1.0 Outpatient SUD levels of care.
- ➔ Previous experience with the SUD population is required.
- ➔ The collaborating physician must be with the same provider, at the same location or program.

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Independent and Group Practitioners

- ➔ Independent Practitioners are licensed, certified, or registered by the State to practice independently and have an independent contractual relationship with CBH. An independent practitioner is enrolled in PROMISE under their own Social Security Number (SSN) and/or Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN). A Group Practice is a professional corporation or partnership of individual practitioners of the same discipline and license type. The group is the entity to which payments will be made. A group must be enrolled in PROMISE as a group provider, and each individual practitioner who performs services for which payment will be made via the group must also be enrolled in PROMISE.
- ➔ Independent and Group practitioners must be credentialed directly by CBH before services can be provided.
- ➔ All CRNPs must be certified in Psychiatry/Mental Health by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). The certification must appear on the license. If the certification does not appear on the license, there must be proof of certification from the ANCC.
- ➔ The collaborating physician must be a psychiatrist.

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