

# The Division of Health Care Financing and Policy

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**PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO  
MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL  
CHAPTER 400**

**CLINICAL SUPERVISION CHANGES**

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# Objectives

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# Purpose of Public Workshop

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**WHY ARE WE HERE?**

# Purpose of Workshop

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- **Discuss proposed changes to the Clinical Supervisor requirement and solicit feedback from stakeholders and consumers.**
- **Review current policy and where the changes will be made.**
- **The current policy is outlined in Medicaid Services Manual (MSM), Chapter 400, Mental Health and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.**

# Purpose of Policy Changes

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**WHY DID WE MAKE THE CHANGES?**

# Purpose of Policy Changes

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- Revisions are based on suggestions from stakeholders and consumers.
- Ensure that those under a supervision requirement by their Board are not in a Clinical Supervisory role with accountability for all services.
- Consistency with Boards requirements.
- Quality of care to recipients and appropriate oversight of care

# Impacts of Proposed Changes

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- **Current Policy for Clinical Supervision (MSM 403.2A.B):**

*Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP), operating within the scope of their practice under state law, may function as Clinical Supervisors.*

**Clinical Supervisors must have the specific education, experience, training, credentials, and licensure to coordinate and oversee an array of mental and behavioral health services.**

*Clinical Supervisors must assure that the mental and/or behavioral health services provided are medically necessary and clinically appropriate. **Clinical Supervisors assume professional responsibility for the mental and/or behavioral health services provided.** Clinical Supervisors can supervise QMHPs, Qualified Mental Health Associate (QMHA), and Qualified Behavioral Aides (QBA). Clinical Supervisors may also function as Direct Supervisors.*

# Impacts of Proposed Changes

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**WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS?**

# Impacts of Proposed Changes (Cont.)

- **Current QMHP qualifications include (MSM 403.3.B.4):**
  - *The following are also considered QMHPs:*
    - ✦ *a. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) Interns meet the requirements under a program of internship and are licensed as an intern pursuant to the State of Nevada, Board of Examiners for Social Workers (Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 641B).*
    - ✦ *b. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (CPC) Interns who meet the requirements under a program of internship and are licensed as an intern pursuant to the State of Nevada Board of Examiners for Marriage and Family Therapists and Clinical Professional Counselors.*
    - ✦ *c. Psychological Assistants who hold a doctorate degree in psychology, is registered with the State of Nevada Board of Psychological Examiners (NAC 641.151) and is an applicant for licensure as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist who has not yet completed the required supervised postdoctoral experience approved by the Board.*

# Impacts of Proposed Changes (Cont.)

- **BHCN's are required to have a tiered supervisor structure.**
  - **Medical Supervisor** (licensed physician with two years mental health treatment experience) provides documented oversight to the 'group' and ensures medical appropriateness of services provided. Medical supervision includes on-going evaluation and monitoring of the quality and effectiveness of care.
  - **Clinical supervisor** (Licensed) assumes professional responsibility for mental/behavioral health services provided. They assure that the services provided are medically necessary and clinically appropriate.
  - **Direct supervisors** (Paraprofessional, education and experience) assure servicing providers provide all services in compliance with the treatment plan. It is limited to delivery of services and is does not do modifications to the treatment plan.
- **Changes to the policy will potentially impact how a Behavioral Health Community Network (BHCN) is staffed if they are currently using interns as Clinical Supervisors.**

# Questions?

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