

Affected Programs: BadgerCare Plus, Medicaid

To: Crisis Intervention Providers, HMOs and Other Managed Care Programs

Crisis Intervention Variance for Response Plan and Crisis Plan

This *ForwardHealth Update* provides information about a variance that expands the types of licensed treatment professionals that are able to approve the crisis intervention response plan and crisis plan. In addition, the variance expands the time frame for approving the response plan.

Changes for Response Plan and Crisis Plan

Effective for dates of service on and after November 2, 2009, the types of licensed treatment professionals that are able to approve the response plan under DHS 34.23(5)(b), Wis. Admin. Code, and the crisis plan under DHS 34.23(7)(d), Wis. Admin. Code, has expanded. In addition, the time frame for approving the response plan has increased.

These changes are due to the acceptance by BadgerCare Plus and Wisconsin Medicaid of the Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) variance in regards to response plans and crisis plans as described in DHS 34, Wis. Admin. Code. The purpose of the variance is to allow for greater flexibility in meeting the needs of members without sacrificing the quality of services provided under DHS 34, Wis. Admin. Code.

Licensed Treatment Professionals Who Can Approve Response Plan and Crisis Plan

Under the Medicaid crisis intervention service, the following licensed treatment professionals are now able

to approve the response plan and crisis plan as listed in DHS 34.21(3)(b)1-7, Wis. Admin. Code:

1. Psychiatrists shall be physicians licensed under ch. 448, Stats., to practice medicine and surgery and shall have completed 3 years of residency training in psychiatry or child psychiatry in a program approved by the accreditation council for graduate medical education and be either board-certified or eligible for certification by the American board of psychiatry and neurology.
2. Psychologists shall be licensed under ch. 455, Stats., and shall be listed or meet the requirements for listing with the national register of health service providers in psychology or have a minimum of one year of supervised post-doctoral clinical experience related directly to the assessment and treatment of persons with mental disorders.
3. Psychology residents shall hold a doctoral degree in psychology meeting the requirements of s. 455.04(1)(c), Stats., and shall have successfully completed 1500 hours of supervised clinical experience as documented by the Wisconsin psychology examining board.
4. Psychiatric residents shall hold a doctoral degree in medicine as a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy and shall have successfully completed 1500 hours of supervised clinical experience as documented by the program director of a psychiatric residency program accredited by the accreditation council for graduate medical education.

5. Certified independent clinical social workers* shall meet the qualifications established in ch. 457, Stats., and be certified by the examining board of social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors.
6. Psychiatric nurses shall be licensed under ch. 441, Stats., as a registered nurse, have completed 3000 hours of supervised clinical experience and hold a master's degree in psychiatric mental health nursing from a graduate school of nursing accredited by the national league for nursing.
7. Professional counselors and marriage and family therapists* shall meet the qualifications required established in ch. 457, Stats., and be certified by the examining board of social workers, marriage and family therapists and professional counselors.

Some of the providers listed in this section are not allowed to be individually Medicaid certified for reimbursement.

Providers must only provide services within their scope of practice.

Previously only psychiatrists and psychologists were able to approve the response plan and crisis plan.

Note: A licensed treatment professional does not include an individual whose license or certificate is suspended, revoked, or voluntarily surrendered, or whose license or certificate is limited or restricted, when practicing in areas prohibited by the limitation or restriction.

Time Frame for Response Plan Approval Expanded

The time frame for approving the response plan has expanded from five days after the delivery of services required in DHS 34.23(5)(b), Wis. Admin. Code, to 14 days after the delivery of services.

Accessing the Variance

Providers can access the November 24, 2009, DQA variance memo (2009-08), titled "Variance response plan DHS-34," on the Web at dhs.wisconsin.gov/dsl_info/NumberedMemos/DMHSAS/CY2009/index.htm.

Information Regarding Managed Care Organizations

This *ForwardHealth Update* contains fee-for-service policy and applies to services members receive on a fee-for-service basis only. For managed care policy, contact the appropriate managed care organization. Managed care organizations are required to provide at least the same benefits as those provided under fee-for-service arrangement.

* Only those treatment professionals who are licensed by the Department of Regulation and Licensing as a licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed professional counselor, or licensed clinical social worker are permitted to approve the crisis intervention response plan and crisis plan. DHS 34, Wis. Admin. Code, was written prior to passage of 2001 Wisconsin Act 80, which provided licensure for these professional disciplines. The DQA variance and this *Update* have been issued to acknowledge the licensure of some of these professionals.

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