

# PROVIDER SITE RE/CERTIFICATION PROTOCOL

## ATTACHMENT B

### *DEFINITIONS OF HEAD OF SERVICE PER CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 9*

#### **Section 622. Requirements for Professional Personnel.**

Wherever in these regulations the employment of a particular professional person is required, the minimum qualifications for that person shall be as hereinafter specified in this Article. Required experience shall mean full time equivalent experience. It is intended that these minimum qualifications shall apply to the head or chief of a particular service or professional discipline but not necessarily to subordinate employees of the same profession.

#### **Section 623. Psychiatrist.**

A psychiatrist who directs a service shall have a license as a physician and surgeon in this state and show evidence of having completed the required course of graduate psychiatric education as specified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in a program of training accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the American Medical Association or the American Osteopathic Association.

#### **Section 624. Psychologist.**

A psychologist who directs a service shall have obtained a California license as a psychologist granted by the State Board of Medical Quality Assurance or obtain such licensure within two years following the commencement of employment, unless continuously employed in the same class in the same program or facility as of January 1, 1979; and shall have two years of post doctoral experience in a mental health setting.

#### **Section 625. Social Worker.**

A social worker who directs a service shall have a California license as a clinical social worker granted by the State Board of Behavioral Science Examiners or obtain such licensure within three years following the commencement of employment, unless continuously employed in the same class in the same program or facility as of January 1, 1979, or enrolled in an accredited doctoral program in social work, social welfare, or social science; and shall have two years of post master's experience in a mental health setting.

#### **Section 626. Marriage, Family and Child Counselor.**

A marriage, family, and child counselor who directs a service shall have obtained a California license as a marriage, family, and child counselor granted by the State Board of Behavioral Science Examiners and have received specific instruction, or its equivalent, as required for licensure on January 1, 1981, and shall have two years of post master's experience in a mental health setting. The term, specific instruction, contained in Sections 5751 and 5751.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, shall not be limited to school, college, or university classroom instruction, but may include equivalent demonstrated experience in assessment, diagnosis, prognosis, and counseling, and psychotherapeutic treatment of premarital, marriage, family, and child relationship dysfunctions.

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### **Section 627. Nurses.**

A nurse shall be licensed to practice as a registered nurse by the Board of Nursing Education and Nurse Registration in this State and possess a master's degree in psychiatric or public health nursing, and two years of nursing experience in a mental health setting. Additional post baccalaureate nursing experience in a mental health setting may be substituted on a year-for-year basis for the educational requirement.

### **Section 628. Licensed Vocational Nurse.**

A licensed vocational nurse shall have a license to practice vocational nursing by the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners and possess six years of post license experience in a mental health setting. Up to four years of college or university education may be substituted for the required vocational nursing experience on a year-for-year basis.

### **Section 629. Psychiatric Technician.**

A psychiatric technician shall have a current license to practice as a psychiatric technician by the Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners and six years of post license experience in a mental health setting. Up to four years of college or university education may be substituted for the required psychiatric technician experience on a year-for-year basis.

### **Section 630. Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist.**

A mental health rehabilitation specialist shall be an individual who has a baccalaureate degree and four years of experience in a mental health setting as a specialist in the fields of physical restoration, social adjustment, or vocational adjustment. Up to two years of graduate professional education may be substituted for the experience requirement on a year-for-year basis; up to two years of post associate arts clinical experience may be substituted for the required educational experience in addition to the requirement of four years' experience in a mental health setting.