

Attachment 1: Providers of Specialty Mental Health Services

Providers		Services								
May Direct ^(a) or Provide Services	May only Provide Services	Mental Health Service	Targeted Case Management	Med Support	Crisis Intervention	Crisis Stabilization	Day Treatment Intensive	Day Rehab	Adult Res	Crisis Res
Physician		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Psychologist ^(b)		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
Social Worker ^(b)		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
MFT ^(b)		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
LPCC ^(b)		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
RN		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Certified Nurse Specialist		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nurse Practitioner		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	LVN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	LPT	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	MHRS ^(d)	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
	Physician Assistant	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
	Pharmacist	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
	Occupational Therapist	X	X		X		X	X	X	X
	Other Qualified Provider	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X

NOTE: Designated staff may provide those services that have an “X” *that are “within their scope of practice.”* Providers listed in the “May Only Provide Services” column must work “under the direction of” a licensed, waived or registered professional listed in the “May Direct or Provide Services” column who is acting within their scope of practice. (See State Plan, Section 3, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A (SPA 12-025); See also Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9, §§ 1840.314) The scope of practice for all providers, including “Other Qualified Providers,” is determined by the Business and Professions Code and the MHP.B1

Regarding Assessment, a service activity under Mental Health Services, the diagnosis, mental status exam, medication history, and assessment of relevant conditions and psychosocial factors affecting the beneficiary’s physical and mental health must be completed by a provider, operating in his/her scope of practice under California State law, who is licensed, waived, or registered, and/or under the direction of a licensed mental health professional. Non-licensed/registered/waivered staff, e.g., Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialists and "Other Qualified Providers" as determined to be qualified by the MHP, may contribute to assessment, e.g., gathering medical history, mental health history, substance exposure/substance use information, strengths, risks, and additional clarifying information. In addition, if allowed by the MHP, graduate students who are under the direction of a licensed, registered, or waived staff may conduct all components of the assessment.

- (a) “Under the direction of” means that the individual directing the service is either directly providing the service or acting as a clinical team leader, providing direct or functional supervision of service delivery, or review, approval, and signing client plans. ... The licensed professional directing a service assumes ultimate responsibility for the rehabilitative mental health services provided.” (State Plan, Section 3, Supp. 3 to Att. 3.1-A (SPA 12-025) page 2b)
- (b) Licensed, Waivered or Registered (See State Plan, Section 3, Supp. 3 to Att. 3.1-A (SPA 12-025) page 2b for definition of “Waivered/Registered Professional”). A waived or registered professional can only direct services if he/she is working under the supervision of a “Licensed Mental Health Professional,” as defined in the State Plan, Sec. 3, Supp. 3 to Att. 3.1-A (SPA 12-025) page 2) (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 9 §1840.314 (e)(1)(F)) .
- (c) Physician must be a psychiatrist or have training and/or experience in psychiatry
- (d) See State Plan, Section 3, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A (SPA 12-025) page 2o for minimum provider qualifications for mental health rehabilitation specialists.