

**Rule No. 560-X-47-.04 Minimum Qualifications for Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Child & Adolescent Services/Adult Protective Services Professional Staff**

(1) Mental Health Professional Staff qualifications are delineated within the specifications for each covered mental health rehabilitation service as described in the applicable Alabama Medicaid Agency Provider Manual, Rehabilitative Services, Chapter 105.

(2) Substance Abuse Professional Staff qualifications are delineated within the specifications for each covered mental health rehabilitation service as described in the applicable Alabama Medicaid Agency Provider Manual, Rehabilitative Services, Chapter 105.

(3) Alabama Department of Human Resources Child and Adolescent Services/Adult Protective Services Professional Staff qualifications are delineated within the specifications for each covered mental health rehabilitation service as described in the applicable Alabama Medicaid Agency Provider Manual, Rehabilitative Services, Chapter 105. as follows:

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (a) A physician licensed under Alabama law to practice medicine or osteopathy;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (b) A psychologist licensed under Alabama law;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (c) A professional counselor licensed under Alabama law;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (d) A marriage and family therapist licensed under Alabama law;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (e) A social worker licensed under Alabama law;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (f) A registered nurse who has completed a master's degree in psychiatric nursing;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (g) An individual possessing a master's degree or above from a university or college with an accredited program for the respective degree in psychology, social work, counseling or other human service field areas and who meets at least one of the following qualifications:
  - ~~\_\_\_\_\_ 1. has successfully completed a practicum as a part of the requirements for the degree; or~~
  - ~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2. has six months post master's level professional experience supervised by a master's level or above with two years of post graduate professional experience.~~~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (h) Services rendered to persons with a primary psychiatric diagnosis must be delivered by a person meeting the criteria listed above unless an exception is specifically noted and defined in the Medicaid Provider Manual, Rehabilitative Services, Chapter 105.~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ (i) A pharmacist licensed under Alabama law may provide medication monitoring;~~

(4) Alabama Department of Youth Services Child and Adolescent Services Professional Staff ~~Q~~qualifications are delineated within the specifications for each covered mental health rehabilitation services as described in the current version of the Alabama Medicaid Agency Provider Manual, Rehabilitative Services, Chapter 105.

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