

Provider Alert

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To: CT BHP Autism Spectrum Disorder Providers

Subject: Re-Qualification Process for CMAP ASD Providers

Dear Provider,

This alert serves as advance notice of upcoming requirements for the re-qualification process for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) providers currently enrolled in the Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) effective March 15, 2021.

Per Policy Transmittal PB-2014-99, all licensed practitioners performing behavior assessments and treatment services must continue to comply with the qualifications set forth in section 17b-262-1056(c) of the proposed regulation. All providers of comprehensive diagnostic evaluations must also comply with the qualifications set forth in section 17a-262-1057(d) of the proposed regulation.

All ASD providers of the behavior assessment and ASD treatment services must possess specialized training, experience or expertise in ASD. Qualified providers include:

- Physicians;
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurses;
- Physician Assistants;
- Licensed Psychologists;
- Licensed Clinical Social Workers;
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists;
- Licensed Professional Counselors;
- · Board Certified Behavior Analysts.

Beginning March 15, 2021, the following materials will be required as part of the re-qualification process based on the provider's original enrollment and/or status of their original qualifications:

- For those providers that have been delivering ASD services and were previously qualified by Beacon Health Options:
 - Proof of current and active licensure



- DCF background check
- For those providers that have been delivering services but were not previously qualified by Beacon Health Options:
 - A complete application process and supporting documentation outlined in the qualification process document on the CT BHP website: https://www.ctbhp.com/asd/ASD-Provider-Qualification-Outlines.pdf
- For those providers that re-enroll in the CMAP network after a period of non-enrollment and had previously completed the full qualification packet outlined above:
 - o Proof of current and active licensure
 - DCF background check

Beginning March 15, 2021, Beacon Health Options, the Administrative Service Organization of the CT Behavioral Health Partnership, will be outreaching directly to all ASD providers who have been qualified by Beacon Health Options since July 1, 2016. Outreach will be completed via e-mail and will outline the materials required based on provider type and the status or original enrollments/qualifications outlined above.

Additionally, effective March 15, 2021 and going forward, the requalification process will follow the same time frames as CMAP enrollment based on provider type:

- Clinics Every 2 years
- Hospitals and individual practitioners: Every 5 years

Please Note:

The re-qualification process is not applicable to Medicaid waiver service providers. The Department of Developmental Services will continue to qualify ASD waiver providers

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CT BHP Provider Relations Department



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Sincerely. **Provider Relations Department** CT Behavioral Health Partnership