

Updated Medicaid guidelines outlined for behavioral health or AODA services delivered by qualified treatment trainees

Security Health Plan requires proper documentation and billing requirements for behavioral health or Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) services provided by a qualified treatment trainee (QTT).

There are two types of QTTs:

- Graduate students doing their practicum.
- Individuals who hold a graduate degree and are working on the practice requirements for full clinical licensure.

When a graduate student QTT is providing services, all supervision requirements outlined by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) and Security Health Plan must be followed. The QTT needs to sign and date their documentation. The Medicaid-enrolled supervising provider is also required to review, cosign and date the QTT's documentation. The supervising provider also needs to provide a signed and dated statement identifying all services which were provided by the QTT. Services should be billed under the supervising provider's National Provider Identifier (NPI) with the billing modifier U7.

Services provided by a QTT with a graduate degree should be supervised by a Medicaid-enrolled provider following the requirements outlined by DHS, Wisconsin DSPS, and Security Health Plan. The QTT needs to sign and date their documentation. Once the QTT receives their graduate degree and becomes licensed by Wisconsin DSPS, they may begin the Wisconsin Medicaid enrollment process. When the QTT is successfully enrolled in the Wisconsin Medicaid program, the practice should contact Security Health Plan with the QTT's name, date of birth and NPI. After Security Health Plan grants the approval, all services provided by the QTT should be billed under the QTT's NPI with the billing modifier U6. (The QTT is required to be working toward full licensure to be reimbursed for services rendered.)

If a QTT has a graduate degree and is licensed but is not enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid and/or has not contacted Security Health Plan, the guidelines for documentation and billing of services provided by a graduate student QTT should be followed.