

Behavioral Health Provider Enrollment Questions and Answers

1. Do Specialty Providers wanting to provide Core services need to have the DATP license before they apply?

A: Yes, all providers requesting to be a Core Provider must have a DATP license at the time of submitting the Letter of Intent.

2. Do existing providers need to have DATP license if adding Core services to a new location?

A: Yes.

3. For New Core Providers, can the CEO and the Clinical Director be the same person?

A: No, the Clinical Director must be full time and dedicated to the position.

4. Does the size of the agency make a difference in the Clinical Director position?

A: No, all providers requesting approval for Core Services must identify who will serve as the full time Clinical Director. Only one Clinical Director per agency is required.

5. Can Clinical Directors provide services or have a caseload?

A: No, Clinical Directors do not provide clinical services but offer oversight to clinicians.

6. Is the budget requirement for new services only?

A: Existing providers do not need to submit the budget requirements only New providers.

7. What is the time-frame for getting a DATP license?

A: We are uncertain as the Health Facility Regulatory Agency operates in another Department, the Department of Community Health.

8. Can we operate Satellite Offices?

A: All BH services offered at each established site must be fully vetted and approved. Each approved site will receive a Medicaid Provider number, if approved for Medicaid services.

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9. Must a Clinical Director be at each site or can they oversee all sites within a specific geographic area?

A: Only one Clinical Director is required for an agency, no matter the size or how many sites.

10. How can an agency show that they have been providing similar community based behavioral health services for the past year?

A: The agency must show that they have the infrastructure and the experience of running an organization for at least one year in order to apply. This can be evidenced in a contract that the organization has had to provide these similar services. The contract must reflect the services, delivery details and reimbursement.

11. "For proof of services, can one show proof through volunteerism? I volunteered with an agency for 4 years; can I receive documentation that will satisfy the requirement?"

A. No, the Department is seeking provider agencies with an established infrastructure to operate their business. These agencies will provide a track record of having delivered services through a business model.

12. How do I add counties to my existing approval?

There is a [REQUEST TO ADD COUNTIES TO EXISTING SERVICE SITE FORM](#) posted on our department's website. Complete the form and submit per the instructions on the form. The link to the form is:

https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/sites/dbhdd.georgia.gov/files/related_files/site_page/DBHDD%20Behavioral%20Health%20Services%20-%20Request%20to%20Add%20Counties.pdf