MEDICAID PEER RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES MENTAL HEALTH

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Peer Recovery Support Services

Peer Recovery Support Services include both Peer Support and Family Support Partners. These services are non-clinical, peer-to-peer activities that engage, educate, and support an individual’s, and as applicable the caregiver's self-care efforts to improve health, recovery, resiliency and wellness. An individual who uses their lived experience of recovery from a mental health condition, plus skills learned in formal training to deliver services to promote mind-body recovery is an evidence-based practice.

In order for Peer Recovery Support Services to be reimbursed by Medicaid, the Peer Recovery Specialist (PRS) must be registered with the VA Dept. of Health Professions Board of Counseling. Embedded Peer Recovery Support Services can complement interdisciplinary clinical services and function both in conjunction with or independently of the behavioral health care continuum as a core service.

Peer Recovery Services Coverage by Age of Member:

- **Adults over 21** are eligible for Peer Support services.

- **Individuals 18-20 years old** can choose to receive Peer Support services directly instead of through their family.

- **Youth under 21** are eligible for Family Support Partner services.
The PRS shall be employed by or have a contractual relationship with the enrolled provider licensed for one of the following:

- Acute Care General Hospital
- Freestanding Psychiatric Hospital and Inpatient Psychiatric Unit
- Outpatient mental health clinic services
- Outpatient psychiatric services provider
- Rural Health Clinics (RHC) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC).
- Hospital Emergency Department Services
- Community Mental Health and Rehabilitative Services provider in one of the following for which the individual meets eligibility criteria:
  - Day Treatment/ Partial Hospitalization;
  - Psychosocial Rehabilitation;
  - Crisis Intervention;
  - Intensive Community Treatment;
  - Crisis Stabilization;
  - Mental Health Skill-building Services;
  - Mental Health Case Management

Only a licensed & enrolled/credentialed provider of Peer Recovery Support Services shall be eligible to bill & receive reimbursement. Payments shall not be permitted to providers that fail to enter into an enrollment agreement with DMAS or its contractors (MCOs).

There are no limits to who can refer members for Peer Recovery Support Services. The qualified practitioner shall provide clinical oversight of the services provided by the PRS.

Peer Recovery Support Services shall be rendered following a documented assessment by a practitioner who is a LMHP, LMHP-R, LMHP-RP, LMHP-S. The documented assessment shall verify how the member shall medically benefit from the service.

Direct supervision can be provided by a PRS who has two years of documented practical experience rendering peer services. The PRS must be certified by a DBHDS approved certifying body. Or a registered qualified mental health professional (QMHP) with at least two consecutive years of experience as a QMHP. Or LMHP, LMHP-R,LMHP-PR, LMHP-S acting within their scope of practice under state law. All who supervise the PRS must complete DBHDS PRS supervisor training.

| Temporary 12.5% rate increase in accordance with the Acts of Assembly, 2021 Special Session II, item E.1 (July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022) |
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| Peer Recovery Support Services | Unit Value | Procedure Code | Rate |
| Mental Health Individual | 1 unit= 15 minutes | H0024 | $7.31 |
| Mental Health Group | 1 unit=15 minutes | H0025 | $3.04 |

Mental Health Peer Recovery Service Daily Limits
4 hours/16 per calendar day combined

Mental Health Peer Recovery Service Annual Limits
Up to 900 hours/3600 units per calendar year