



Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Program

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

STANDARDS, SCOPE OF PRACTICE, MEDI-CAL

Responsible: Department of Health Care Services

- ✓ Sets core competency requirements for certification
- ✓ Sets standards for county peer support services and supervisor requirements
- ✓ Establishes Code of Ethics for certified peer specialists
- ✓ Sets scope of practice for certified peer specialists
- ✓ Sets Medi-Cal claim rates
- ✓ Contracts with county behavioral health programs

IMPLEMENTATION, CERTIFICATION, ENFORCEMENT

Responsible: Certifying Entity

- ✓ Processes applications for certification
- ✓ Approves training providers who meet curriculum standard
- ✓ Administers exam
- ✓ Issues certifications and recertifications to individuals
- ✓ Ensures certification requirements are equally applied
- ✓ Enforces professional standards
 - Investigates consumer complaints
 - Imposes disciplinary actions for violations of the state-approved Code of Ethics
 - Receives appeals
- ✓ Collects data and keeps records; submits annual state-level reports
- ✓ Sets core curriculum, based on best practices, in the four areas of peer specialization:
 - Parent, caregiver, family member
 - Working with persons who are unhoused
 - Working with persons who are in crisis
 - Working with persons who are involved in justice system
- ✓ Maintains public-facing searchable certification database
- ✓ Maintains a dedicated website for certification

HIRING, SUPERVISION, BILLING

Responsible: County Behavioral Health Programs

- ✓ Enters into contract with Department of Health Care Services
- ✓ Prepares behavioral health delivery system to claim new peer support services
- ✓ Updates electronic health record for claiming
- ✓ Hires certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists