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TO: Behavioral Health Providers Enrolled in Independent Practice and Group Practice, Psychologists, Licensed Marital and Family Therapists (LMFTs), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs), Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADCs)

RE: New Attestation Requirement for Behavioral Health Clinician Groups and Solo Clinicians in Independent Practice

Beginning April 11, 2023, all behavioral health providers who are newly enrolling or going through re-enrollment as a behavioral health independent or group practice, will be required to complete an attestation form. The attestation requirement applies both to services rendered in private practice personally by an independently licensed behavioral health clinician (licensed psychologists, LCSWs, LMFTs, LPCs, LADCs) and also to services provided by an associate licensed behavioral health clinician (licensed master social workers (LMSWs), licensed marital and family therapy associates (LMFT-As), and licensed professional counselor associates (LPC-As) working within such clinician's scope of practice under the supervision of an applicable qualified independent licensed behavioral health clinician who is authorized under state law to supervise each applicable category associate licensed practitioner.

Prior to signing the attestation providers are required to do one of the following tasks. Attend the live training presented by Gainwell and Carelton on April 10, 2023 at 10:00am, or review the slides and watch the taped training before signing and submitting the attestation. Invitations to the live training will be sent out in a separate communication to providers. A link to the slides and training will be made available through the Attestation as well as on

the Carelton website after the live training is completed.

Submission of the Attestation document will be done in a phased approach. Providers with new enrollments after 4/11/2023 will be required to sign and submit the attestation as part of their required Follow On Documents (FODs). Providers who are currently enrolled will be notified by Gainwell (Mid-June) as to when they will have access to the electronic attestation. Providers will then have to log into their provider portal, click on the link to review the attached recorded training and then complete the electronic attestation.

All providers will be required to attest as part of their initial enrollment, then at least once every 5 years.

The attestation form must be signed by the owner(s) of the practice and the clinicians in the group practice. If the owner is the clinician they will only be required to sign the form once. This attestation confirms that the provider acknowledges and agrees to abide by the requirements set forth in applicable laws, regulations, the provider enrollment agreement, and other Connecticut Medical Assistance Program (CMAP) requirements.

The attestation form is an acknowledgment that does not establish or change any current CMAP requirements, which all remain in full force and effect as set forth therein. In

general, CMAP regulations, bulletins, and guidance documents are posted to the CMAP Web site at www.ctdssmap.com, select "Information" then select "Publications".

Providers must also continue to follow all other guidance in Provider Bulletin [PB 2022-67](#) - *Guidance for Services Rendered by an Associate Licensed Behavioral Health Clinician Working in Private Practice Under the Supervision of an Applicable Qualified Independent Licensed Clinician*.

Prior Authorization

There is no change to existing prior authorization (PA) requirements or new requirements including for services rendered both in person and via telehealth. All PA requirements for telehealth are the same as for equivalent in-person services. Any service requiring PA must be obtained from the respective Administrative Services Organization (ASO) responsible for the broad category of services requested (medical, behavioral health, or dental).

Accessing the Fee Schedule

The fee schedules can be accessed and downloaded by accessing the CMAP Web site: www.ctdssmap.com. From this web page, go to "Provider", then to "Provider Fee Schedule Download". Next click on the "I accept" button and proceed to click on the appropriate fee schedule, then select "Open file".

For questions regarding this bulletin please contact the Provider Assistance Center, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1-800-842-8440.

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