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Marie Zimmerman, State Medicaid Director
Minnesota Department of Human Services
P.O. Box 64983
St. Paul, MN 55164-0983

Dear Ms. Zimmerman:

Enclosed for your records is an approved copy of the following State Plan Amendment:

Transmittal #16-0015 --Revises the standards for the assertive community treatment (ACT) benefit, as well as the related provider qualifications.

--Effective Date: July 1, 2016

--Approval Date: May 11, 2017

If you have any additional questions, please have a member of your staff contact Sandra Porter at (312) 353-8310 or via e-mail at Sandra.Porter@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Alan Freund
Acting Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Enclosures

cc: Ann Berg, MDHS
 Sean Barrett, MDHS

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The following are eligible to provide ACT services:

1. County or other entity certified by the Department.
2. An entity seeking to serve a subpopulation of recipients if the provider demonstrates to the Department that the subpopulation:
 - a. requires a specialized program that is not available; and
 - b. is of such a low incidence that it is not feasible to develop a program serving a single county or regional group of counties.
3. A facility of the Indian Health Service or a facility owned or operated by a tribe or tribal organization and funded by either Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L. 93-638, as amended, or Title I of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act, P.L. 106-260, operating as a 638 facility.

Provider Qualifications, Training and Supervision

ACT services are provided by a multidisciplinary staff using a total team approach and assertive outreach for treatment in a recipient's environment. The team includes a clinical supervisor who is a mental health professional as ~~defined on page 54~~defined in item 6.d.A., and other staff consistent with the Tool for Measurement of Community Assertive Treatment~~Dartmouth Assertive Community Treatment Scale,~~ which establishes national fidelity standards. Team members include:

1. A **psychiatric care provider**, who is either a licensed psychiatrist or an advanced practice registered nurse who qualifies as a mental health professional under item 6.d.A;

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2. A **nurse**, who is either a registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse;
3. A **specialist in co-occurring disorders**, who has received Department approved training on co-occurring disorders, and is either a licensed alcohol and drug counselor; a licensed professional counselor with a master's degree, which included 120 hours of a specified course of study in addiction studies with 440 hours of post-degree supervised experience in the provision of alcohol and drug counseling as defined in this item; a mental health practitioner, as defined in this item; or a mental health professional as defined in item 6.d.A.
4. A **vocational specialist**, who has at least one year experience in providing employment services or advanced education that involved field training in vocational services to individuals with mental illness, or has completed a Department approved training program; and is either a mental health practitioner as defined in this item, or a mental health professional as defined in item 6.d.A.
5. A **mental health certified peer specialist (level I or II)** as defined in this item.

~~The team members must meet the qualifications, training and supervision standards that apply to adult rehabilitative mental health services.~~

The team must provide the following:

- ~~1. The components of adult rehabilitative mental health services.~~
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4. crisis assessment and intervention;
5. family psychoeducation and support when provided for the direct benefit of the client;
6. skills therapies directed at housing-related activities and supports, including individual housing-transition skills and individual housing and tenancy-sustaining skills;
7. medication education, assistance, and support;
8. mental health certified peer specialists services;
9. health and wellness self-management services;
10. symptom management; and
11. empirically supported, psychotherapeutic interventions to address mental health symptoms and behaviors.

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These services are provided to a recipient age 18 and older meeting the same eligibility requirements for ACT services, but the recipient also requires the level of care and supervision provided in a residential setting. These services are designed to develop and enhance psychiatric stability, personal and emotional adjustment, self-sufficiency, and skills to live in a more independent setting. Services are directed toward a targeted discharge date with specified recipient outcomes and are consistent with evidence-based practices.

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