

Mental Health Skill Building

On 10/10/2013, the Emergency Regulation package that creates Mental Health Skill Building Services, and outlines new eligibility criteria was signed by the Governor. These regulations are effective as of the date of the Governor's signature; however, they will not be immediately implemented by DMAS. Providers will not be held accountable for adhering to the changes until DMAS formally implements the changes. DMAS will notify providers via a Medicaid Memo prior to when they will be expected to adhere to the new regulations. This memo will outline all changes to MHSS, and the specific date that providers must begin following the regulations. At this time, DMAS is planning to implement the new eligibility criteria as of December 1, 2013. The new service eligibility criteria will be applied to all new service authorization requests, and to re-authorization requests as they occur on or after December 1, 2013. The changes to the rate structure and how units are billed will not change until July 2014.