



Positive Support Community of Practice

Review of the Department's Proposed Revisions to HCBS Waiver Services

April 14, 2015

Explanation for PSCoP Format Change

- DHS experienced issues with reliability of streaming service
 - Alternatives were WebEx or adding lead agency videoconference sites
 - WebEx requires registration, but minimizes travel and may reach more people
- April 28, 2015 PSCoP will be via WebEx



How to submit questions

Email your questions to:

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Purpose of Today's Session

- Review proposed revisions to waiver services
 - Behavioral Support
 - Specialist
 - Crisis Respite
 - Family Training and Counseling
- Provide opportunity for questions
- Provide opportunity for feedback on proposed revisions

Reason for Revisions

- Comply with Programmatic and Legislative Changes
 - Jensen Settlement Agreement
 - Minnesota's Olmstead Plan
 - Implementation of 245D
 - Proposed Positive Supports Rule
- Support development of plans that provide person-centered positive support services in the most integrated setting

Behavioral Support Services: What's the Same?

- Basic functions of Professional, Analyst, and Specialist
- Requirement for 245D license is still required
- Previous provider qualifications

Behavioral Support Services: Changes

- Service is renamed Positive Support Services
 - Positive Support Professional
 - Positive Support Analyst
 - Positive Support Specialist
- Expands availability from BI and CADI to DD and CAC
- Changes term “functional assessment” to “functional behavior assessment”
- Describes purpose of positive behavior support plan & positive support transition plan

Positive Support Professional

- Adds a requirement that Professional has competencies in person-centered strategies
- Expands provider qualifications to include a person with a master's degree or Ph.D. in a behavioral science or related field who has demonstrated expertise in positive support services



Positive Support Analyst

- Adds requirement for four years supervised experience conducting functional behavior assessments and designing, implementing, and evaluating effectiveness of positive practices behavior support strategies
- Adds certification by [Behavior Analyst Certification Board](#) as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst or Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst as an option for meeting provider standards
- Specifies types of instruction needed and adds requirement for instruction in person-centered thinking
- Allows for clinical supervision by Positive Support Professional instead of direct supervision

Positive Support Specialist

- Specifies types of instruction needed and adds instruction in person-centered thinking principles
- Requires that Professional determine if Specialist has training and prerequisite skills for providing PSS
- Requires direct supervision by Professional or Analyst



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Specialist: What's the Same?

- Service definition
- 245D license
- Provider qualifications

Specialist: Changes

- Expands availability from DD to CAC, CADI, and BI
- When fully implemented, Specialist will not cover functional behavior assessments

Crisis Respite: What's the Same?

- Service definition
- 245D license
- Provider qualifications

Crisis Respite: Changes

- Expands availability from DD to the BI, CAC, and CADI waivers
- Allows crisis respite to be provided in an unlicensed setting that is approved by the case manager
- Increases number of days a person may be authorized to receive crisis respite from 21 to 180
- Requires lead agency to submit documentation of need for stays in excess of 180 days

Family Training and Counseling: What's the Same?

- Service definition
- Current cost limitations and unit maximums
- Provider qualifications, applicable licensure requirements, and certification requirements

Family Training and Counseling: Changes

- Added language regarding use of service to facilitate person-centered planning and development of a person-centered plan
- Added providers offering person-centered planning



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