



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT
of HEALTH SERVICES

Qualified Treatment Trainees (QTT) Policy Clarification

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Qualified treatment trainees (QTTs) are an existing Medicaid behavioral health provider specialty that require supervision from enrolled licensed providers.



QTT Background

- QTTs were originally defined in Medicaid policy in 2012 to provide mental health services.
- QTTs became allowable providers in DHS 75-certified facilities in 2022 to provide substance use disorder services.
- QTTs expand access to behavioral health services today and represent our future behavioral health workforce.

QTT Policy

Specifically, the QTT updated policy:

- Removes the policy restricting reimbursement only in DHS 35 certified clinics.
- Changes enrollment of APSW and ISW pursuing LCSW licensure from certified psychotherapist to QTT.
- Implements a single rate type for QTTs in ForwardHealth's Max Fee Schedule.

QTT policy

Specifically, the QTT updated policy:

- Clarifies that in-training professionals are responsible for confirming with their licensing board that supervised hours meet professional criteria.
- States that group billing is allowable for QTT rendered services.
- Communicates allowable settings for QTTs to render services including FQHC and hospitals.
- Replaces all previous QTT policy.

QTT Updates

- The updated QTT ForwardHealth policy was published on July 29, 2024, and became effective August 1, 2024. ForwardHealth Update [2024-22](#), “Policy Clarifications for Qualified Treatment Trainees”
- This update clarifies QTT policy, streamlines QTT enrollment, and expands settings where QTTs can render services.
- For questions, contact Provider Services at 800-947-9627 or go to www.forwardhealth.wi.gov.