

## Clearinghouse Rule FAQ CR 22-078



CR 22-078 updates the recertification process for programs certified under Wis. Admin. Code chs. DHS 34, 35, 36, 61, and 63. These programs relate to crisis intervention, outpatient mental health, Comprehensive Community Services, Community Support Programs, adult inpatient psychiatric, youth inpatient psychiatric, and adult day treatment.

### **What do the proposed rule changes mean for providers?**

The proposed rule changes would allow DHS to issue certificates with no expiration date and only require the issuance of new certificates when the provider makes changes to the services or branch offices. Providers would no longer be required to complete and submit full renewal applications every year. Instead, every two years, providers would be asked to review the biennial program report DHS has on file and make any changes. The provider would attest to the accuracy of the information and compliance with regulations, provide staffing information, and submit biennial fees. The biennial on-site survey of the provider will still be conducted but will no longer be tied to the submission of the summary report and certificate end-date. Continued certification will be based on compliance with the administrative code.

### **Why is DHS proposing these rule changes?**

Non-expiring certificates will help eliminate billing and payment issues that occur when the renewal process and issuance of a revised renewal certificate is delayed for any reason.

Updating these five rules will make them align with Wis. Admin. Code chs. DHS 40, 50, and 75, which already contain these requirements, thus creating consistency across DHS behavioral health administrative rules.

### **Do these proposed rule changes impact quality or alter program reviews?**

These proposed rule changes in no way impact the current survey process. Surveys will continue to be planned every two years as currently conducted. The surveys will not be dependent upon receiving renewal fees or the program report. There will not be a need to submit monthly updates listing new expiration dates to Medicaid on the last day of every month as the certificates no longer expire. Annual submission of fees and the program report would now be required to be submitted biennially (every 2 years).

### **Will these proposed rule changes impact certified peer specialists in any way?**

No. The proposed rule changes do not alter any requirements for certified peer specialists or certified parent peer specialists. Certified peer specialist and certified parent peer specialist training, certification, and other requirements are outside the scope of this project and are not impacted by these proposed rule changes.

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