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Policy Clarification

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Topic Area: BHMCO Attestation for Promise Enrollment

Question/Issue:

If the BHMCO has confirmed that “the population to be served is consistent with the requirements for the supplemental service” and “the County Contractor(s) has/have approved the enrollment of the provider for the Health Choices Supplement Services”, is the BMCO permitted to complete and submit the attached “Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization Attestation Form”?

This form allows the provider to begin the PROMISE application process.

The provider types specific to our question are non-hospital residential D&A services which have a DDAP Certificate of Licensure. These provider types while supplemental do not require an approved Service System Review Committee (SSRC) approved service description.

Background/Context Provided within the Request :

The Counties understanding is that that the BMCO attestation form is required to confirm the need for the service and the population to be served is consistent with the needs of the County. We do not view the form as requiring the full paperwork and other lengthy processes completed by the BMCO as a part of credentialing.

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Answer/Response:

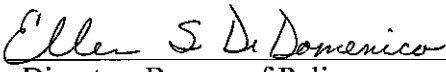
Yes, the BH-MCO attestation form must be submitted with the enrollment application, and any required accompanying documentation. OMHSAS requires that the BH-MCO has completed its credentialing of the provider prior to submission of the enrollment application. The BH-MCO is attesting on the form that the provider seeking enrollment “has successfully completed the credentialing process”.

The existence of the attestation form as part of the enrollment application packet does not circumvent the requirement that the BH-MCO submit to DPW a complete enrollment application for the supplemental service.

No, the BH-MCO attestation form may not be submitted in lieu of the enrollment application (and any required accompanying documentation).

Similarly, inclusion of the provider's state-issued license in the enrollment application packet only replaces the need for the submission of a service description. Neither the BH-MCO's credentialing of the provider nor the submission of the license circumvents the requirement that the provider submit a complete enrollment application, nor does it circumvent the requirement that the Behavioral Health Managed Care Organization (BH-MCO) submit with the enrollment packet an attestation form.

For questions that arise regarding the enrollment process service providers should contact their County/BH-MCO contractors. County/BH-MCOs are free to call the OMHSAS Toll-Free Inquiry Line [(800) 433-4459] should further clarification be needed.


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