



Provider Bulletin

for the Adult Mental Health Division

Hawaii Certified Peer Specialist Service Authorization and Delivery Requirements

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1. Effective December 1, 2016, Hawaii Certified Peer Specialist (HCPS) services will require separate authorization from AMHD Utilization Management (UM) to provide services. UM will not generate retrospective authorizations for *Peer Support Service, 15 minute, Face-to-Face Contact* (HCPCS code - H0038).
2. Providers shall utilize the *AMHD UM Service Authorization Request* form for "Peer Support Services" when requesting authorization.
3. Peer Support Service may only be delivered by a HCPS, or a Peer Specialist actively in the process of obtaining the necessary certification, upon written request from the provider and written approval from the Division Psychiatry Chief. The AMHD defined definition of a Certified Peer Specialist is "Consumer who are Certified Peer Specialist and are at a point in their recovery that they serve to inspire and instill hope in other Consumers".
4. The Peer Specialist to Consumer ratio shall not exceed 1:150.
5. The provider shall consider splitting a full-time equivalency Peer Support Worker between two (2) or more staff to support their individual recovery goals. The HCPS is ultimately supervised by a Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)
6. Peer Support Service will be authorized for one (1) year or until the end of the provider's contract cycle, for fourteen (14) units per month.
7. AMHD recognizes the importance of peer support and encourages all Community Based Case Management agencies to include an HCPS as part of the treatment team.

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