

222.233 Alcohol and other drug treatment entities and behavioral health service organizations -- Administrative regulations regarding standards and reimbursement.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to:

- (1) (a) Until January 1, 2026, require that licensed alcohol and other drug treatment entities and behavioral health service organizations only employ a temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialist or alcohol and drug peer support specialist who is registered under KRS Chapter 309 or a temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialist or alcohol and drug peer support specialist who meets the requirements of applicable administrative regulations in effect on July 15, 2024, or any applicable administrative regulations promulgated thereafter.
- (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, require that licensed alcohol and other drug treatment entities and behavioral health service organizations only employ a temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialist or alcohol and drug peer support specialist who is registered under KRS Chapter 309;
- (2) Permit a registered temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialist to provide the same services and be reimbursed at the same rates as a registered alcohol and drug peer support specialist;
- (3) Remove any limits on the maximum number of hours of direct client care that may be provided by a registered alcohol and drug peer support specialist;
- (4) Require that a temporary certified alcohol and drug counselor under the clinical supervision of a certified alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, or a licensed clinical alcohol or drug counselor be a reimbursable service provider in alcohol and other drug treatment entities and behavioral health service organizations;
- (5) Permit a licensed alcohol and drug counselor to provide the same services and be reimbursed at the same rates as a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor in licensed alcohol and other drug treatment entities and behavioral health service organizations;
- (6) Permit the qualifications for a case manager for an individual with mental or substance use disorder to be a bachelor's degree or higher in any field of study and set forth training and supervision requirements to substitute for required work experience;
- (7) Require that a community support associate approved by the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities to be a reimbursable service provider in licensed alcohol and other drug treatment entities and behavioral health service organizations; and
- (8) Permit peer support specialists to provide services to groups of the same size as other licensed clinical professionals in a licensed alcohol and other drug treatment entities and behavioral health service organizations.

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