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1. Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialists (MHRS) will operate under the direction of a Licensed Mental Health Provider (LMHP). Progress notes are not required to be co-signed.

A MHRS shall be an individual who has a baccalaureate degree and four years of experience in a mental health setting as a specialist in the fields of physical restoration, social adjustment, or vocational adjustment. Up to two years of graduate professional education may be substituted for the experience requirement on a year-for-year basis; up to two years of post-associate arts clinical experience may be substituted for the required educational experience in addition to the requirement of four years' experience in a mental health setting. A MHRS may provide Mental Health Services (including contributing to Assessment, but excluding Therapy), Targeted Case Management (TCM), Day Rehabilitative Services, Day Treatment Intensive Services, Crisis Intervention, Crisis Stabilization, Adult Residential, and Crisis Residential Treatment services.

2. Other Qualified Providers will operate under the direction of a Licensed Mental Health Provider. Progress notes are not required to be co-signed.

The State Plan permits the provision of services by “Other Qualified Providers,” defined as, “an individual at least 18 years of age with a high school diploma or equivalent degree determined to be qualified to provide the service by the county mental health department.” Mental Health Services (excluding Therapy), TCM, Day Rehabilitative Services, Day Treatment Intensive Services, Crisis Intervention, Crisis Stabilization, Adult Residential and Crisis Residential Treatment services may be provided by any person determined by the Mental Health Plan (MHP) to be qualified to provide the service, consistent with state law. State law requires these “Other Qualified Providers” to provide services “under the direction of” a LMHP within their respective scope of practice. (State Plan, Section 3, Supplement 3 to Attachment 3.1-A pages 2m-2p; Cal. Code Regs., title 9, section 1840.344, Service Function Staffing Requirements – General)

3. Graduate Students enrolled in an academic program but not yet eligible to be registered or waived will operate under the direction of a Licensed Mental Health Provider. All documentation completed by these graduate students are required to be co-signed by the LMHP.