




United Behavioral Health

<b>Evaluation and Treatment Facility Certification</b>			<b>Policy Identifier/Number:</b> AD-09
Annual Review Completed Date: February 2018			
<b>Policy Category:</b> Government – Pierce Regional Support Network	<b>Applicable Lines of Business:</b> Medicaid	<b>Entity/Plan:</b> Optum Pierce Behavioral Health Organization	<b>State:</b> Pierce County, Washington
<b>Approved by:</b> Bea Dixon, Executive Director		<b>Signature:</b> 	

**Policy Statement and Purpose**

Optum Pierce Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) verifies that all Evaluation and Treatment (E&T) providers are certified by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) and licensed by the Department of Health (DOH) prior to contracting and periodically thereafter.

To describe Optum Pierce BHO's involvement in the E&T certification process.

**Policy Audience and Applicability**

This policy is applicable to the Optum Pierce BHO and benefits administered through the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) current Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP).

**Policy Definitions**

N/A

**Policy Provisions**

1. In accordance with WAC 388-865, Optum Pierce BHO verifies that all contracted mental health care providers and subcontractors that provide evaluation and treatment services are currently certified by the DSHS and licensed by the DOH.
  - 1.1. Optum Pierce BHO verifies certification, but does not apply for certification on behalf of any providers.
  - 1.2. Certification and license is verified at the time of initial contracting and credentialing and at the time of re-credentialing.
  - 1.3. Certification and license is inspected annually through Optum Pierce BHO's on-site Administrative review process in accordance with WAC 388-865. Optum Pierce BHO notifies DSHS and the DOH if it believes that a facility is not in compliance with applicable statutes, rules and regulations.

Optum is responsible for adhering to all applicable state and/or federal laws governing activities within the scope of this policy, including the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy requirements, as well as the applicable requirements, standards and regulations as set forth by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Labor (DoL), and any applicable accrediting organizations.

2. Optum Pierce BHO makes provider contracts and re-credentialing records available to the DSHS for periodic inspection and verification as requested.

#### **Related Policies, Procedures & Materials**

- Pierce Behavioral Health Organization policy: AD-10 - *Designated Mental Health Professional (DMHP)*
- Pierce Behavioral Health Organization policy: QA-08 - *Clinical and Administrative Review Including Annual Review of Behavioral Health Agencies*

#### **Attachments**

N/A

#### **Approval History**

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