

1915 (i) Community Recovery
Services
Home and Community Based
Services

Certification Process

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CRS Provisional Certification

- DHS submitted a 1915i State Plan Amendment application for CRS Services on 11/10/09.
- CMS approved the State Plan Amendment on June 3, 2010.

CRS Certification Steps

- Counties/Tribes wanting to be CRS Providers will have to be certified by both DMHSAS and by the Medicaid Program.
- DMHSAS will certify that their proposed CRS program plan meets the requirements of the Wisconsin 1915i Home and Community Based Services Program.
- DHCAA will certify the program as a Medicaid Provider.

What Entity is the Certified CRS Provider?

- The County/or Tribe will be the DMHSAS and DHCAA certified CRS provider.
- Certified CRS county/tribal agencies will be able to bill for the following CRS services: community living supportive services, supported employment and peer supports.
- County/tribal CRS agencies may execute contracts with local CRS providers of community living supportive services, supported employment, and peer supports, or provide these services themselves.

DMHSAS CRS Provider's Certification Process

- DMHSAS has developed CRS Program Standards and an application template for those counties/tribes interested in providing CRS Services. The CRS application template and CRS Standards will be available through the DMHSAS website and will be distributed with the DMHSAS Information Memorandum.
- The County/Tribe will submit the completed application to the CRS Coordinator in BPTR. The application outlines how the county will assure that it meets the key federally required processes in the 1915i Home and Community Based Program.
- DMHSAS staff will review the application to discern if the county plan meets those Federal Requirements and will review the proposed provider network.

CRS Medicaid Certification

- DMHSAS staff will approve those counties or tribes that meet the federal requirements as a CRS Provider and will notify both the County/Tribe and the DHCAA Medicaid Certification Staff.
- After the DMHSAS approval of the County/Tribal CRS plan, the County/Tribe will also apply for Medicaid Certification, using a form provided by Medicaid and sign the Medicaid Certification Agreement. The DMHSAS approval letter includes information on how to receive the CRS Medicaid Certification packet.

DMHSAS CRS Standards: Key Areas

- Public agency: county or tribal community programs, social services, health or human services department.
- Agency provides basic information about agency and key staff contacts.
- Agency agrees to provide the nonfederal share of the Medicaid CRS services.
- Agency is capable and willing to submit accurate Annual Cost Report.

DMHSAS CRS Standards: Key Areas (Cont)

- Agency evaluation, assessment and service planning staff meet minimum CRS requirements.
- Agency proposes an appropriate process for enrollment of potentially eligible CRS clients thru:
 - Determination client is Medicaid State Plan eligible
 - Income Test
 - Functional Eligibility thru MH/AODA or Children's Functional Screen
 - Appropriate Service Plan Approved by DHS

DMHSAS CRS Standards: Key Areas (Cont)

- Agency provides an adequate guarantee that meets the conflict of interest standards DHS has specified to CMS regarding staff performing evaluations, assessments, and service plans.
- Appropriate CRS Provider Network has been proposed for:
 - Community Living Supportive Services (that includes CMS acceptable method to calculate and exclude room and board costs for residential services)
 - Supported Employment
 - Peer Support Services

DMHSAS CRS Standards: Key Areas (Cont.)

- Agency will work with DHS to assure provider registration at state level
- Agency will have appropriate process to maintain Medicaid CRS Service Provider Agreements on file
- Agency will have appropriate process to assure client choice of providers
- CRS Agency will accept DHS Terms of Reimbursement

Time Lines for CRS Certification

- Counties/Tribes will not be eligible for retroactive claims for CRS services prior to their Medicaid certification date.
- To be eligible for retroactive claims for CRS Medicaid services, Counties/Tribes DMHSAS and Medicaid CRS certification must be in place, along with all the required client enrollment provisions.

Time Lines for Certification (Cont.)

- DHS will back date approved certifications to the date received for review, if the initial submission was complete. For those applications not complete, DHS will date the approval of the certification to the date of the submission of the information needed for a final approved application.