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Waiver Requests for Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers in Community Support Programs

Summary

This memo describes how Community Support Programs can request a waiver to use an advanced practice nurse prescriber as outlined in <u>Wis. Admin. Code DHS § 63.05</u>. This memo replaces the expired DMHSAS Action Memo 2015-10/DQA Memo 15-012 that repealed a statewide waiver for Community Support Programs to use advanced practice nurse prescribers.

Background

Waiver requests from Community Support Programs to use an advanced practice nurse prescriber are reviewed and approved based on the information submitted. Waiver requests must include evidence of education, experience, and credentials of the advance practice nurse prescriber to meet the service needs identified in Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 63.

Community Support Programs electing to use an advance practice nurse prescriber should be prepared to demonstrate during a site review that they have developed and implemented a written policy for using an advance practice nurse prescriber in a Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 63 certified setting.

Waivers may be rescinded at any time upon determination by DHS.

To extend a waiver, Community Support Programs must reapply prior to the expiration date indicated in the approval letter (if applicable) for a determination if an extension on the waiver continues to be appropriate.

See <u>Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Services Waiver and Variance Process, P-02328</u>, for more information.

If you have question or concern about this memo, email the Division of Quality of Assurance.