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Mini-Plenary Session:

Modeling for CFTSS: A Look at Where We Are Headed, and How We Can Get There

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Child and Family Treatment and Support Services (CFTSS)

Strategies to Better Support Workforce and Service Growth



State Considerations for Addressing Workforce Challenges

- The State conducted a review of staff and supervisor qualifications under CFTSS to identify opportunities to reduce:
 - Educational requirements
 - Years and types of experience
- Provider feedback and recommendations were also reviewed
- Considerations focused on assuring continued quality of care
- **Proposed draft changes will require CMS approval and would not take effect anytime before January 1, 2020**



Community Psychiatric Supports and Treatment (CPST) & Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR)



Staff Qualifications (DRAFT)

- Proposed reductions in minimum educational/experience requirements for CPST Components 1-3
- Proposed reduction in minimum number of years of experience for PSR
- Removal of all language requiring experience in “children's mental health, addiction and or child welfare/foster care/juvenile justice,” replacing it with *‘in a related human services field’*



Supervisor Requirements (DRAFT)

- Propose to revise requirements to distinguish general supervision from treatment plan oversight
 - Allow for general supervision to be provided by a qualified supervisor
 - Continue to require direction and sign off a treatment plan by a licensed practitioner (LP)
- Include Licensed Masters Social Workers (LMSWs) as allowable LP supervisors & treatment plan signatories



Family Peer Support Services (FPSS) & Youth Peer Support and Training (YPST)



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Supervisor Requirements (DRAFT)

- Considering the reduction of required years of direct peer support experience for peer supervisors to promote the development of Peer Supervision in the field
- Clarify clinical consultation can be provided by a licensed practitioner, including a Licensed Masters Social Workers (LMSWs)



Necessary Steps Required to Implement these Changes

- Changes would not take effect until on or after January 1, 2020
- The State must obtain CMS Approval of an amendment to the Medicaid State Plan
- Formal announcements and revised guidance will be issued to all providers upon approval



Promoting Strategies for Improving Financial Viability



Promising Strategies Shared from Providers

- Value-based payment arrangement opportunities
- Improving payment cycle time
- Ensuring claims testing and claiming accuracy
- Examining and maximizing workforce productivity
- Outreach and engagement activities to increase service involvement and participation

