



Magellan Compliance Notebook

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Magellan) strives to be proactive and use education as a preventative tool to help ensure our members receive the highest quality of care through you, the provider. The Compliance Department at Magellan is committed to sending monthly e-mails to targeted providers regarding a Compliance-related subject.

This e-mail communication is specific to your HealthChoices (Pennsylvania Medicaid) Contract with Magellan.

This month we would like to notify all in-network Family Based Mental Health Services (FBMHS) providers about the updated requirements around training.

On July 8, 2026, The Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) issued [Medical Assistance \(MA\) Bulletin OMHSAS-26-05](#). This bulletin supersedes Policy Clarification 04-2012 *Updated Family Based Mental Health Services (FBMHS) Procedures* as it applies to the FBMHS training structure and hours.

The purpose of the bulletin is for OMHSAS to update procedural changes related to training and clinical supervision in Family Based Mental Health Services (FBMHS), share the process to become a FBMHS training entity, the standards and expectations for FBMHS training entities, and the statewide list of FBMHS training entities.

Changes to FBMHS Training

- As a result of changes to evidence-based treatment standards and current behavioral health community practice standards, the required clinical training hours for FBMHS staff have been adjusted.
- Changes in training have shifted expectations regarding the minimum number of training hours required to complete model-adherent training. There is now less emphasis on training hours and more focus on assessing demonstrated competency in delivering evidence-based treatment models.
- The minimum number of hours required to complete ecosystemic structural family therapy (ESFT) FBMHS training has been reduced from 273 hours to 188 hours.
- Trainees are able to submit for their competency project at the end of their 188 hours.

- Staff who do not pass the established competency standards are required to continue their enrollment in ongoing ESFT-FBMHS training at 85 hours per year until they are able to pass the competency standards.
- All FBMHS staff are expected to take the state FBMHS certification exam once they have completed the minimum training hours and passed competency standards to graduate from the core FBMHS training.
- Annually thereafter, all graduates, supervisors and staff must complete 30 training hours at a minimum.
- Included as an attachment to MA Bulletin OMHSAS-26-05 is an Overview of FBMHS Provider Training (Attachment A) which includes an overview of the new training requirements.

Changes to Approval Process for FBMHS Training Entities

- Included as an attachment to MA Bulletin OMHSAS-26-05 is the OMHSAS approval process and expectations for FBMHS Training Entities (Attachment B).
- A listing of approved FBMHS training entities can be found at:
https://www.pa.gov/content/dam/copapwp-pagov/en/dhs/documents/providers/documents/human_services_licensing/mentalhealthresidentiallicensing/2026-06-16-family-based-approved-trainers.pdf
- Attachment B also includes minimum qualifications and expectations for training center staff.

At Magellan, we will continue to educate our providers with updated MA Bulletins, regulations, and other pertinent information to ensure Compliance. Although providers are ultimately responsible for knowing and complying with all applicable regulations, we proactively engage providers on an ongoing basis to make sure they are aware of compliance-related requirements and expectations. Medicaid Program Integrity is truly a collaborative effort between our providers, county customers, Magellan, Bureau of Program Integrity (BPI) and other oversight agencies. The monthly e-mail blast topics are generated from audit results and trends; however, they are also sent in response to recent Magellan policy updates; newly released or relevant MA Bulletins and Policy Clarifications; or Regulation changes. The intention is to afford our providers with as many resources as possible to combat FWA and reduce overpayments.

Thank you for your ongoing hard work and dedication to our members!

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