

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania Earns Full Accreditation for Three More Years from the National Committee for Quality Assurance

Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania was recently notified that they once again earned Full Accreditation as a Medicaid Managed Behavioral Health Organization (MBHO) for three more years from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

NCQA is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to assessing and reporting on the quality of managed care plans, managed behavioral healthcare organizations, preferred provider organizations, new health plans, physician organizations, credentials verification organizations, disease management programs and other health-related programs. NCQA reviews include rigorous on-site and off-site evaluations conducted by a team of physicians and managed care experts. A national oversight committee of physicians and behavioral health providers analyzes the team's findings and assigns an accreditation level based on the MBHO's performance compared to NCQA standards. NCQA MBHO Accreditation standards are purposely set high to encourage MBHOs to continuously enhance their quality. There are approximately 60 standards for quality included in the following categories: utilization management; credentialing and re-credentialing; members' rights and responsibilities; and preventive behavioral health care services.

"It is a great honor to receive Full Accreditation from the NCQA for a 2nd consecutive time, as we coordinate care with our county partners and network of providers," said Jim Leonard, CEO for Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania. "We appreciate NCQA's rigorous standards that demand continuous quality improvement, and our team is motivated to use these standards on a daily basis in support of our members."

"This accomplishment demonstrates the team's commitment to quality care for our members," said Maria Brachelli-Pigeon, quality improvement director for Magellan Behavioral Health of Pennsylvania. "The accreditation process requires constant evaluation of the team's performance, and we will continue to look for ways to become more efficient and innovative in our coordination of care."

About the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA): NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's [website](#) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more-informed health care choices. NCQA can be found online at ncqa.org, on Twitter @ncqa, on Facebook at facebook.com/NCQA.org/ and on LinkedIn at linkedin.com/company/ncqa.