

MCE Use of Interns for All CBHI Services

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1. In-Home Behavioral Services (IHBS)

- a. **Behavior Management Therapist** – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must be master's-level.
 - i. If an individual is working towards his/her master's degree (i.e., is in his/her second year of a master's program with a clinical track but has not yet obtained degree) AND is working in an intern capacity under the supervision of a licensed clinician, s/he can bill at the master's-level clinician rate¹. There is no reimbursement structure in place for billing by those in their first year of a master's program with a clinical track.
- b. **Behavior Management Monitor** – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must be bachelor's-level or associate's-level.
 - i. If an individual is working towards his/her bachelor's degree or associate's degree (in bachelor's program or associate's program, respectively, but has not yet obtained degree) AND is working in an intern capacity under the supervision of a licensed clinician, a waiver request must be submitted by the organization to the MBHPCBHI@valueoptions.com mailbox.

2. In-Home Therapy (IHT)

- a. **IHT provider** (professional component) – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must be master's-level.
 - i. If an individual is working toward his/her master's degree (i.e., is in his/her second year of a master's program with a clinical track but has not yet obtained degree) AND is working in an intern capacity under the supervision of a licensed clinician, s/he can bill at the master's-level clinician rate. There is no reimbursement structure in place for billing by those in their first year of a master's program with a clinical track.
- b. **Therapeutic Training and Support** (paraprofessional component) – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must be bachelor's-level or associate's-level.
 - i. If an individual is working towards his/her bachelor's degree or associate's degree (in bachelor's program or associate's program, respectively, but has not yet obtained degree) AND is working in an intern capacity under the supervision of a licensed clinician, a waiver request must be submitted by the organization to the MBHPCBHI@valueoptions.com mailbox.

¹ For additional information regarding psychology interns, social work interns, mental health counselor interns, and marriage and family therapist interns, please refer to each MCE's credentialing criteria.

3. **Therapeutic Mentoring (TM)** – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must be bachelor’s-level or associate’s-level with one year experience, OR have a high school diploma or GED with two years experience.
 - a. There is no capability for billing, other than by individuals who meet the above credentialing criteria. A waiver request can be submitted for consideration by an organization if a candidate does not meet the educational requirement but has relevant work experience. The waiver request should be submitted to the MBHPCBHI@valueoptions.com mailbox.
4. **Mobile Crisis Intervention (MCI)**
 - a. **Professional component** – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must be a master’s-level clinician.
 - i. If an individual is working towards his/her master’s-degree (i.e., is in his/her second year of a master’s program with a clinical track but has not yet obtained degree) AND is working in an intern capacity under the supervision of a licensed clinician, s/he can bill at the master’s-level clinician rate. There is no reimbursement structure in place for those in their first year of a master’s program with a clinical track to bill.
 - b. **Paraprofessional component** – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must be a bachelor’s-level staff.
 - i. If an individual is working towards his/her bachelor’s degree (in bachelor’s program, but has not yet obtained degree) AND is working in an intern capacity under the supervision of a licensed clinician, a waiver request must be submitted by the organization to the MBHPCBHI@valueoptions.com mailbox.
5. **Intensive Care Coordination (ICC)**
 - a. **Care Coordinator** – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must have one of the following: a master’s degree in a mental health field; a bachelor’s degree in a human services field and one year of relevant experience; or an associate’s degree or a high school diploma and five years of experience with the target population.
 - i. If an individual is working towards his/her master’s degree (i.e., has a bachelor’s degree, is in his/her second year of a master’s program with a clinical track but has not yet obtained the master’s degree) AND is working in an intern capacity under the supervision of a licensed clinician, s/he can bill at the master’s-level rate. An individual in the situation described above in his/her first year of the master’s program can bill at the non-master’s-level rate.
 - ii. A waiver request can be submitted for consideration by an organization if a candidate does not meet the educational requirement but has relevant work experience. The waiver request should be submitted to the MBHP-CSA@valueoptions.com mailbox.

6. Family Support and Training (FS&T)

- a. **Family Partner** – Performance Specifications and/or *Provider Alert* indicate this staff must have one of the following: a bachelor's or associate's degree in a human services field and one year of experience with the target population; or a high school diploma or GED and a minimum of two years of experience with the target population.
 - i. A waiver request can be submitted for consideration by an organization if a candidate does not meet the educational requirement but has relevant work experience. The waiver request should be submitted to the MBHP-CSA@valueoptions.com mailbox.

In order to be considered by the MCEs, waiver requests must include the following materials:

- Cover letter specifying what the provider organization is requesting to be waived
- Candidate's resume
- Transcripts, if applicable (i.e., candidate is in school, to review course content, etc.)
- Letters of reference (optional)
- Any additional supporting materials

Waiver requests for ICC services or Family Support and Training (FS&T) services must be sent to the MBHP-CSA@valueoptions.com mailbox.

Waiver requests for In-Home Therapy (IHT) services, Therapeutic Mentoring (TM) services, or In-Home Behavioral Services (IHBS) must be sent to the MBHPCBHI@valueoptions.com mailbox.

Note: A master's degree or a bachelor's degree in criminal justice or forensic psychology does not meet the MCEs' credentialing criteria; however, there may be an exception due to the work experience(s) of a given candidate. Thus, a waiver request should be submitted by a provider organization to determine whether a candidate's work experience would justify having one of these fields of degree waived.