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To: Executive Directors and Children's Mental Health Directors
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From: Trina Ita, Director 
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Re: Qualifications to Perform YES Clinical Eligibility Reassessment

Purpose:

This broadcast message provides clarification of qualifications of individuals able to perform the initial YES waiver clinical eligibility assessment and annual renewal clinical eligibility reassessment for YES waiver.

YES Waiver has updated the policy manual and can be found at:
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa/yes/>

Of Note:

The qualifications to perform clinical assessments are in accordance with the following:

The initial clinical eligibility assessment must be performed by a licensed professional of the healing arts (LPHA).

The annual renewal clinical eligibility reassessment can be performed by a Qualified Mental Health Professional-Community Services (QMHP-CS); however, an LPHA must review and confirm the recommendation and make his or her own recommendation regarding level of care.

When completing a Clinical Eligibility (CE) in CMBHS, please include a note in the "Notes on Eligibility Type section" with the name of the QMHP-CS and date they performed the reassessment. The LPHA will continue to include his or her signature on the LMHA signature line with the date of his or her own recommendation regarding level of care was made.

Contact

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