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SUBJECT:

Requirements for Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) in OMHSAS-licensed Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics

BY:

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SCOPE:

This bulletin applies to facilities performing Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) in Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics licensed by OMHSAS.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this bulletin is to advise providers that all staff providing TMS services in Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics must meet one of the recognized professional staff classifications defined in 55 Pa. Code § 5200.3 (relating to definitions).

BACKGROUND:

At this time, there is no Pennsylvania or federal licensure specific to staff who may provide TMS services. However, 55 Pa. Code Ch. 5200 establishes the minimum qualifications that staff must meet to provide services in OMHSAS-licensed Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics.

DISCUSSION:

Staff performing TMS in OMHSAS-licensed Psychiatric Outpatient Clinics are considered staff of the clinic and therefore must meet one of the professional staff classifications set forth in 55 Pa. Code § 5200.3 (relating to definitions) including Mental Health Worker (MHW), Mental Health Professional (MHP), Advanced Practice Professional (APP), or Physician (MD/DO). The applicable classification will depend on the role and scope of responsibilities assigned within the clinic. They must also meet the requirements set forth in 55 Pa. Code § 5200.24 (related to criminal history and child abuse certification).

COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS BULLETIN SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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