



ODP Announcement

Required Dual Diagnosis Training for Providers Newly Enrolling to Provide Residential Habilitation Services

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The mission of the Office of Developmental Programs is to support Pennsylvanians with developmental disabilities to achieve greater independence, choice and opportunity in their lives.

AUDIENCE: Providers who are currently in the process of becoming qualified to provide Residential Habilitation services in the Consolidated, Community Living and Adult Autism Waivers and Adult and Community Autism Program (ACAP) or who may be interested in enrolling to be a provider of Residential Habilitation services and Administrative Entities (AE).

PURPOSE: To inform providers that ODP is requiring newly enrolling providers of Residential Habilitation services to complete the ODP-approved Dual Diagnosis Training curriculum. *This applies to new Residential Habilitation providers who will be enrolled and qualified to provide these services effective September 1, 2018 and thereafter.*

DISCUSSION: Based on the recommendation of ODP's residential stakeholders (via the statewide Residential Strategic Thinking Workgroup), as well as the experience of our Regional Clinical Directors and Benjamin Settlement implementation leads, it was determined that many new Residential Habilitation providers will need additional training in order to support individuals with complex needs. To expand the clinical capacity of our Residential Habilitation services, ODP is strengthening the training standards for newly enrolling Residential Habilitation providers. Completion of the Dual Diagnosis Training course by newly enrolling Residential Habilitation providers ensures that providers are both knowledgeable and equipped to meet the needs of individuals with complex challenges and ensures individuals ongoing health and safety.

In accordance with the Provider Qualifications for Residential Habilitation listed in the Department's current Consolidated Waiver, providers must "complete standard ODP required orientation and training." The *Dual Diagnosis Training* is a standard training for all Residential Habilitation providers who will be enrolled and qualified to provide these services effective September 1, 2018 and thereafter.

This requirement applies to:

- 1) Providers who are currently enrolled and qualified to provide other ODP services and are in the process of enrolling and qualifying to provide Residential Habilitation services, and
- 2) New applicants who are in the process of enrolling and qualifying to provide Residential Habilitation services
- 3) Residential Habilitation Services that are licensed and unlicensed:
 - a) Child Residential Services (the residential section of 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3800)
 - b) Community Residential Rehabilitation Services for the Mentally Ill (CRRS), (55 Pa. Code Chapter 5310): and
 - c) Community Homes for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Autism (55 Pa. Code Chapter 6400):

The Dual Diagnosis Curriculum is part of a joint initiative of The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) and the Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) to address the needs of people who have an intellectual disability as well as mental health challenges. The curriculum contains 20 core training modules which provide the basic information that anyone would need to support an individual who has a dual diagnosis. Each module includes a knowledge test. A certificate is issued upon completion of each module and upon completion of the entire curriculum.

The Dual Diagnosis Curriculum is found on My ODP at [Dual Diagnosis Curriculum](#). A short questionnaire will determine if you will be taking the course as a Residential Habilitation Services Provider CEO for the purpose of qualification, or as a Professional.

For Residential Habilitation Services Provider CEOs, each knowledge test may be taken twice in order to successfully complete all modules. **However, if one module is not successfully completed, the provider will not be able to access the curriculum for one year (365 days) after the second failed attempt of the knowledge test.**

Existing Residential Habilitation providers are encouraged to have Direct Service Professionals (DSPs) and management staff complete this course.

Process for Newly Enrolling Residential Habilitation Providers:

- The CEO must obtain the Provider Applicant Orientation certificate of completion (applicants only).
- The CEO must complete the Dual Diagnosis Curriculum.
- The CEO must present both certificates to the appropriate Administrative Entity (AE) in

order to become qualified as a new Residential Habilitation provider.

NOTE: The AE needs to verify that the Dual Diagnosis Curriculum was successfully completed prior to qualifying the provider as a Provider Type 52 with a Specialty Code, 521. 456. CRR-Adult, 520. Child Residential Services, 521. Adult Residential – 6400, 524. Unlicensed (Community Residential Rehab).

ODP will continue to develop additional training curricula and resources for providers and applicants who are seeking to provide Residential Habilitation services.

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