
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Behavioral Health Consultant

Questions & Answers

RFI #: 161706BHC

1. The BHC Position Description refers to preparing month-end utilization management reports. Are the utilization reports that the position description is referring to Attachments I and II in the RFI or are there others and if so what are they?

The only report is the attached BHC data spreadsheet.

2. Attachment II asks if Baker Act was utilized with the report. Will it be expected within the BHC's role and because they are licensed to initiate Baker Acts if necessary?

Yes, only if necessary. However, we do not want the role of the BHC to be used only when a baker act is needed.

3. The Q&A - number 22 included in this RFI states; 'The BHC's DO NOT diagnose or provide assessment or any treatment to the family.' This seems to be in contrast to the position description's Essential Job Functions, which states; 'BHC collaborates with the investigative staff and other necessary members of the service center to assist in ensuring children and family safety and assist in identifying needs and services for at-risk families expeditiously and prescriptively.' And 'BHC will partner with the investigative staff to provide consultations to assist in identifying danger threats, adult functioning, parental protective capacities (diminished or present), and safety management services.' These seem to be 'assessment functions'. Please explain further how these assessments are to be utilized.

The behavior health consultant acts as a consultant to the CPI not an assessor or therapist to the family. The BHC will provide behavioral health records and interpretations of these records, observations, professional knowledge to the CPI. If diagnosis is part of the records, the BHC can explain to the CPI the nature of the diagnosis, but the BHC will not provide a diagnosis to the parent as part of their role. The BHC can report a diagnosis if found in a previous evaluations, assessment, or if self-reported by the parent.

4. Can interested vendors can submit letters of support to verify that there is a positive relationship with the local CPI and CBC agencies (per question 2).

Yes

- a. If so, can letters of support be submitted from multiple counties?

Yes.

5. If documents have been signed and dated prior to the release of this RFI, can those documents be submitted under this RFI?

Yes.

- a. For example, if the Certification Regarding Debarment was signed on February 22nd 2017, is this allowable?

Yes.

6. Will mileage be reimbursed at the approved Federal rate of : \$.55/ mile ?

No, the state rate is \$0.445/mile. However, under this position and funding, mileage is included in the Outreach rate of \$44.58.

7. As the LPC designation is not recognized in Chapter 490 and 491 for licensed professions, is this LPC Licensed Professional Counselor permitted to come from another state that does recognize the license for Behavioral Consultant to work in the State of Florida?

Per Addendum 2, an LPC is no longer an option for this position.

8. If the LPC is acceptable, is an "intern" preparing for State of Florida Licensure permitted to apply for the Behavioral Health Consultant position?

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9. Will the Job Description sent with the RFI be changed to reflect permission to use an LPC if it is recognized in the State of Florida?

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