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To: Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS) Programs
From: NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH)
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Subject: PROS Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts Qualifications

Background

This memo is intended to describe the expanded Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) qualifications, as approved by the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) in State Plan Amendment 16-0041. The effective date of State Plan Amendment 16-0041 was April 1, 2016.

LPHA Qualifications in PROS

All PROS programs are required to employ at least one fulltime Professional Staff who meets the following LPHA qualifications:

- Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner
- Physician and Psychiatrist
- Physician Assistant
- Psychologist
- Registered Professional Nurse (RN)
- Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW), under the supervision of an LCSW, Licensed Psychologist, or Psychiatrist employed by the agency
- Licensed Creative Arts Therapist (LCAT)
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
- Licensed Psychoanalyst

Limited permit holders are not qualified LPHAs in PROS.

Please note OMH intends to make conforming amendments to 14 NYCRR § 512.4(q) to align the definition of LPHA with the approved State Plan Amendment. Until such time as the regulations are amended, OMH will not impose regulatory sanctions on PROS programs employing one of the licensed professionals listed above.

For questions, please contact the Rehabilitation Services Unit, Adult Community Care at PROS@omh.ny.gov.