

To: TennCare Managed Care Organizations: Amerigroup, BlueCare TN, UnitedHealthcare

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Subject: Allowing for reimbursement of services provided by LADAC IIs without a requirement of supervision

TennCare and the contracted Managed Care Organizations, Amerigroup, BlueCare TN and UnitedHealthcare are allowing credentialing of the LADAC II (Licensed Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors) to provide services for TennCare reimbursement upon an executed contract.

The scope of this document is to allow a qualified LADAC II under certain conditions (as described below) to provide TennCare reimbursable services without supervision.

Services that may be billed for reimbursement are those that are provided after the LADAC II has been credentialed and contracted with the appropriate MCO, and if the LADAC II has met the following requirements:

1. The LADAC has a Level II designation which includes a master's degree or a doctorate in a behavioral health-related field.
2. The MCOs may credential providers they have deemed to meet the following criteria as stated in 1200-30-01-.04 (b) -(ii) (of the Rules and Regulations of the Tennessee Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors): Have a master's or higher level degree in a behavioral health related field from an accredited institution of higher learning, and submit an official transcript, and have completed one (1) year of full time experience or two thousand (2000) hours of experience while providing alcohol and drug abuse counseling services under the direct supervision of a Qualified Clinical Supervisor who meets the requirements of the rules of the Board and have alcohol and drug abuse counseling education and training within the eight domains, as listed in TCA § 68-24-606.
3. Services provided by a LADAC II are reimbursable if the following conditions are met:
 - a. The LADAC II is credentialed by the MCO;
 - b. The LADAC II is employed by and provides services for a TDMHSAS licensed facility (Mental Health or Substance Abuse) that is contracted as a Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facility, Medication Assisted Treatment Service, Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) or Behavioral Health Center (BHC) as an entity that is eligible to provide substance use disorder services; and
 - c. The service to be reimbursed is rendered within a provider agency contracted with a TennCare MCO to provide substance use disorder services and the service is provided in conjunction with a substance use disorder diagnosis.

4. Services include the performance of reimbursable, evidenced-based evaluations regarding substance use and co-occurring mental health as part of the therapy process or the development of a treatment plan.

5. A LADAC II meeting the criteria in # 3a-c. is eligible to render individual or group services without a requirement of direct supervision by a qualified supervisor.