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OVERVIEW:

Aetna Better Health of Louisiana (ABHLA) is aligned with the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid Services Manual, and would like to remind providers to refer to these manuals when submitting claims. If the manual requires additional guidance impacting reimbursement, the details will be outlined by ABHLA in the Provider Manual or in a supporting reimbursement policy.

Per the [Louisiana Department of Health \(LDH\) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\) guidelines](#), a Peer Support Specialist (PSS) must meet the following qualifications:

- **Lived Experience** – has lived experience with a behavioral health (BH) diagnosis (can include a diagnosis with mental health challenges, addiction challenges, or co-occurring disorders).
- **Education** – has a minimum of a High School diploma or a GED.
- **Age** – is at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- **Time in Recovery** – has at least twelve (12) months of continuous, demonstrated recovery as indicated by [SAMHSA's working definition of recovery](#).
- **Training** – has completed all required training.
- **Credentials** – is credentialed in the state of Louisiana.

Peer Support Specialists must provide ABHLA with their education (diploma or transcripts) and registered NPI for billing.

ABHLA requires Peer Support Specialists to bill age and education modifiers in accordance to the Louisiana Medicaid [Specialized Behavioral Health Fee Schedule](#).

Please note that providers may see reimbursement impacted if not aligned to the Louisiana Department of Health's Medicaid services manual within 30 days of the date of this reminder notification.

Questions and Support:

For questions, please contact LAProvider@AETNA.com or call 1-855-242-0802 and follow the prompts.