



Provider Alert

Optum Behavioral Commercial – Recovery Coach Benefit

Effective for dates of service as of 01/01/2023, Optum will cover Recovery Coaches on all Fully Insured Commercial Plans.

MA Health Connector, for exchange business, has indicated they will follow Mass Health requirements to cover Recovery Coach services. The coding and billing recommendations for Certified Recovery Coach Services are included below.

MassHealth Coding/Billing Requirements:

Code	Description
H2016-HM	Comprehensive community support program, per diem (Enrolled Client Day) (recovery support service by a recovery advocate trained in Recovery Coaching)

Provider Requirements:

Peer Recovery Coaches must have at least two years of sustained recovery, meet EOHHS requirements, and meet all other applicable boards of registration and certification board requirements. Provider organizations should be permitted to implement additional hiring criteria to ensure fidelity to principles of Peer Recovery Coach services.

Peer Recovery Coaches may attain certification, Certified Addiction Recovery Coach (CARC), through 1) The Massachusetts Board of Substance Abuse Counselor Certification; or 2) another licensure of certification process as determined by EOHHS. To be considered as working toward *certified* as a CARC, a Peer Recovery Coach must:

- Have completed Peer Recovery Coach Academy trainings and Ethical Considerations for Recovery Coaches training and
- Must be in the process of completing supervision requirements and additional required trainings. Individuals who have not completed the CARC credentialing within two years of being hired do not continue providing Peer Recovery Coach Services.

Provider Organization Requirements:

Organizations may establish a contractual relationship with any type of provider organization that meets credentialing requirements for the purpose of providing Peer Recovery Coach services.

Contractual relationships *are not established* with individual Peer Recovery Coaches as solo practitioners; rather, network contracts *are established with* organizations that employ Peer Recovery Coaches to provide Peer Recovery Coach Services.