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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: **24-0021**

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

September 11, 2024

Cheryl J. Roberts, Director
Department of Medical Assistance Services
Attn: Regulatory Coordinator
600 East Broad Street, Suite 1300
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: Virginia State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0021

Dear Director Roberts:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 24-0021. This amendment adds Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBAs) to the definition of a “Credentialed Addiction Treatment Professional.” It recognizes them as a provider type under the Addiction and Recovery Treatment Services (ARTS) program.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §440. This letter informs you that Virginia’s Medicaid SPA TN 24-0021 was approved on September 11, 2024, effective July 1, 2024.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and the approved SPA page to be incorporated into the Virginia State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Kosherzenko at (215) 861-4288 or via email at Margaret.Kosherzenko@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 4 — 0 0 2 1</u>	2. STATE <u>V A</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
7/1/2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR 440

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2024 \$ 0
b. FFY 2025 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 3.1- A&B , Supplement 1, revised page 42

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
Same as box #7.

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Licensed Behavior Analysts Credentialed Addiction Treatment Professionals

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
Secretary of Health and Human Resources

11. [REDACTED]

12. TYPED NAME
Cheryl J. Roberts

13. TITLE
Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED
September 3, 2024

15. RETURN TO
Department of Medical Assistance Services
600 East Broad Street, #1300
Richmond VA 23219

Attn: Regulatory Coordinator

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16. DATE RECEIVED
09/04/2024

17. DATE APPROVED
09/11/2024

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
07/01/2024

19. SIGN [REDACTED]

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
James G. Scott

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State of VIRGINIA

**AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL
AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE CATEGORICALLY NEEDY
and MEDICALLY NEEDY**

Provider Qualifications:

“Care Coordination Provider” means one of the following: 1.) At least a bachelor's degree in one of the following fields (social work, psychology, psychiatric rehabilitation, sociology, counseling, vocational rehabilitation, human services counseling) and have one of the following qualifications (i) substance use related direct experience providing services to individuals with a diagnosis substance abuse use disorder or (ii) clinical experience working with individuals with co-occurring diagnoses of substance use disorder and mental illness; 2.) Licensure by the Commonwealth as a registered nurse with (i) substance use related direct experience providing services to individuals with a diagnosis of substance use disorder or (ii) clinical experience working with individuals with co-occurring diagnoses of substance use disorder and mental illness; or 3.) Certification as a Board of Counseling Certified Substance Abuse Counselor CSAC, CSAC-supervisee or CSAC-Assistant under supervision as defined in state law.

"Credentialed addiction treatment professional" means (i) an addiction-credentialed physician or physician or physician extender with experience or training in addiction medicine; (ii) a licensed psychiatrist; (iii) a licensed clinical psychologist; (iv) a licensed clinical social worker; (v) a licensed professional counselor; (vi) a certified psychiatric clinical nurse specialist; (vii) a licensed psychiatric nurse practitioner; (viii) a licensed marriage and family therapist; (ix) a licensed substance abuse treatment practitioner; (x) a licensed behavior analyst; (xi) residents under supervision of a licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, or licensed substance abuse treatment practitioner who is registered with the Virginia Board of Counseling; (xii) a resident in psychology under supervision of a licensed clinical psychologist who is registered with the Virginia Board of Psychology; (xiii) a supervisee in social work under the supervision of a licensed clinical social worker who is registered with the Virginia Board of Social Work;

“CSAC” means (as certified by the Virginia Department of Health Professions) a certified substance abuse counselor shall be qualified to perform, under clinical supervision or direction, substance abuse treatment functions described in subsequent pages of this document. Certified substance abuse counselors shall not engage in independent or autonomous practice.

“CSAC-A” means (as certified by Virginia’s Department of Health Professions) a certified substance abuse counseling assistant shall be qualified to perform, under appropriate clinical supervision or direction, the substance abuse treatment functions described in subsequent pages of this document. Certified substance abuse counseling assistants may participate in recovery group discussions, but shall not engage in counseling with either individuals or groups or engage in independent or autonomous practice.

“CSAC-supervisee” means a certified substance abuse counseling supervisee, which is an individual who has completed the educational requirements, but not the practice hours, to become a CSAC.