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BSAS Medication Specialist Update for Providers

The Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) is providing the following update regarding requirements related to medication specialists.

101 CMR 346 RATES FOR CERTAIN SUBSTANCE-RELATED AND ADDICTIVE DISORDERS PROGRAMS Promulgated in July 2023 included funding for medication specialists in Transitional Support Services (TSS) programs. The staffing grid for TSS programs has been revised and reflects this new requirement (please see attached grid).

101 CMR 346 RATES FOR CERTAIN SUBSTANCE-RELATED AND ADDICTIVE DISORDERS PROGRAMS Promulgated in July 2024 included funding for medication specialists in Co-Occurring Enhanced Residential Recovery Services (COE RRS). The staffing grid for COE RRS programs has been revised and reflects this new requirement (please see attached grid).

All Co-Occurring Enhanced Residential Recovery Services and Transitional Support Services programs will be expected to come into compliance with medication specialist staffing requirements starting July 1, 2025. COE RRS providers and TSS providers will receive amendment packages reflecting the contractual expectations as they are processed.

Rate information including staffing supported by the rate can be found at:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/rates-for-certain-substance-related-and-addictive-disorders-programs-effective-july-1-2024-0/download>

[Proposed Regulations: Supporting Materials | Mass.gov](#)

Please note that the attached medication specialist staffing and training template needs to be completed and submitted to your regional contract manager by September 1, 2025.

Training for medication specialists as well as technical assistance needs are provided throughout the year by EMO Health; www.emo.health Please reach out to your regional contract manager or licensing inspector for more information regarding training or technical assistance.