Public Notice – Behavioral Health Clinics

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The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) is proposing the establishment of Behavioral Health Clinics (BHC), a new type of provider of community-based mental health services. Through the introduction of BHCs, the Department seeks to increase access to community-based mental health services that will be delivered under the direction of a Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (e.g., LCSW, LCPC, LCP, APN, MD).

Behavioral Health Clinics will be established by the Department as a new provider type. Entities seeking to become a BHC must meet all requirements outlined in the proposed 89 Ill. Admin. Code Part 140 found in Volume 42, Issue 7, Pages 3040 of the 2018 Illinois Register (February 16, 2018). BHCs will enroll through the Department’s provider enrollment system, IMPACT, must pass all business and background checks and may be subject to on-site review. Additionally, BHCs will be subject to program approval for higher-intensity services, such as Community Support Team and Intensive Outpatient.

Members of the public who are interested in obtaining additional information regarding Behavioral Health Clinics are invited to participate in an informational webinar hosted by HFS. Webinars will be scheduled throughout the month of June. The content for each webinar session will be identical and questions will be accepted with answers posted to the HFS website in the form of a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document.

Individuals interested in attending a Behavioral Health Clinic webinar must pre-register by following the link below to the webinar they plan to attend. Following registration, instructions on accessing the webinar will be emailed to participants.

Webinar Schedule:

Webinar 1:
Monday, June 18, 2018
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Registration link: BHC Webinar 1

Webinar 2:
Wednesday, June 20, 2018
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Registration link: BHC Webinar 2

Webinar 3:
Thursday, June 21, 2018
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Registration link: BHC Webinar 3

Webinar 4:
Monday, June 25, 2018
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Registration link: BHC Webinar 4

Webinar 5:
Wednesday, Jun 27, 2018
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Registration link: BHC Webinar 5

Webinar 6:
Friday, June 29, 2018
10:00 am – 11:30 am
Registration link: BHC Webinar 6

Questions related to Behavioral Health Clinic webinars can be submitted via email to hfs.cbh@illinois.gov.