



## **Guidelines to Credential Licensed Physician Assistant for Inclusion in the Magellan Behavioral Health Provider Network**

### **Physician Assistant Criteria:**

1. Complete credentialing application and attestation page;
2. Masters' or bachelor's degree in Physician Assistant studies;
3. Hold a license/certification as a Physician Assistant in the state he or she practices, with no sanctions or limitations;
4. Must be supervised by a Magellan credentialed and contracted Psychiatrist or Addictionologist;
5. Attest to completion of two years post-Physician Assistant degree clinical practice in mental health and/or substance abuse work under the supervision of a licensed psychiatrist or the equivalent in part-time work, computed at 3,000 direct client contact hours in a period of not less than two years;
6. If the Physician Assistant is covered on an individual basis, professional liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$1,000,000 aggregate; otherwise, or evidence of sharing in the limit for the entity with limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$3,000,000 aggregate would be appropriate;
7. Current and valid DEA Registration;
8. Current and valid CDS Certification, if applicable;
9. Five years of continuous work history, with written explanations of any work gaps of six months or more. If the practitioner has practiced fewer than five years from the date of verification of work history, it starts at the time of initial licensure
10. No Medicare/Medicaid Sanctions;
11. Certification by the National Commission on Certification of Physicians Assistants (PA-C);  
and
12. All Physicians Assistants must be reviewed by the Regional Network Credentialing Committee.

### **Additional Documents Required:**

1. Present documentation of continuous supervision from a Magellan credentialed and contracted Psychiatrist or Addictionologist; and
2. Supervising Physician attestation that he or she will comply with the state regulations regarding supervision of Physician Assistants.