



# Division of Developmental Disabilities

## DUAL DIAGNOSIS TRAINING

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER ATTESTATION 2023/2024

In July 2022, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) submitted and received federal approval on its spending plan related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Part of that spending plan included using one-time funding to expand access to care from a well-trained, highly-skilled workforce. The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD/the Division) has collaborated with its subcontracted health plans, United Healthcare Community Plan and Mercy Care, to utilize ARPA funding to enhance training available to behavioral health agency clinical staff. The training focuses on best practices for working with individuals who have both a developmental disability and a behavioral health diagnosis. The goal of this initiative is to enhance provider competency, offer opportunities for professional development, improve member outcomes, and bridge gaps in knowledge for the professionals who serve individuals with a developmental disability and behavioral health diagnosis and their families.

#### Curriculum

The Division provided funding to add the Intellectual and Developmental Disability (I/DD) Course Library to the Relias course catalog and make it available to all AHCCCS registered behavioral health agencies with access to Relias statewide. The full I/DD Course Library includes 100+ courses that learners will have access to, including many that are CEU-eligible.

Additionally, the Division is offering an incentive to behavioral health agencies for the completion by eligible staff of specified training courses. Incentive funding will be available to agencies that have at least 10% of their clinical staff complete the Training Plan titled “Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Essential Knowledge for BH Providers” between October 1, 2023 and March 31, 2024. Eligible agencies will be compensated in accordance with the payment information detailed further below in this document.

#### Training Plan: Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Essential Knowledge for BH Providers

Twelve of the courses in the Training Plan are Computer-Based Training and one course, “Introduction to the Arizona Division of Developmental Disabilities for Behavioral Health Providers”, is a live, virtual instructor-led course.

The specific training modules in the “Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Essential Knowledge for BH Providers Training Plan” are:

Course Title	Credit Hours
Introduction to the Arizona Division of Developmental Disabilities for Behavioral Health Providers - This is a live, virtual instructor led course.	1.75
A Day in the Life: An IDD Perspective	0.50
Assessments in IDD	2.00
Common Health Problems and Interventions for Persons with IDD	0.50
Informed Decision Making	0.50
Integrated Care in IDD	1.00

Course Title	Credit Hours
Intellectual Disabilities: Interventions, Supports and Outcomes	1.00
Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders	1.00
Providing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Persons with IDD	1.25
Reducing Readmissions and Unnecessary Hospitalization	1.00
Rights of Individuals with IDD	0.75
Trauma-Informed Service Programs	1.75
Understanding Intellectual Disability	0.75

**Behavioral health provider agencies, contracted with either Mercy Care or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, of the following Provider Types are eligible for the incentive:**

- 39 Habilitation Provider
- 77 Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic
- IC Integrated Clinic
- A3 Community Service Agency
- A5 Behavioral Health Therapeutic Home
- A6 Rural Substance Abuse Transitional Agency
- B7 Crisis Services Provider
- B8 Behavioral Health Residential Facility
- B1 Level I Residential Treatment Center-Secure (IMD)
- 78 Level I Residential Treatment Center Secure (non IMD)
- B2 Level I Residential Treatment Center-Non-Secure (non-IMD)
- B3 Level I Residential Treatment Center-Non-Secure (IMD)
- C2 Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
- 29 Community/Rural Health Center (RHC)

**Eligible Services:**

Eligible services include the HCPC codes listed on the [AHCCCS Behavioral Health Outpatient MCO Fee Schedule](#) (effective May 1, 2023) provided to DDD/ALTCS Members during the specified time period.

**Payment Information:**

The lump-sum incentive payments will be calculated using a flat percentage of eligible providers' Title XIX Medicaid payments from a specified time period for the select eligible services.

- The flat percentage is 15%.
- The specified time period is dates of service from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024. Claims must be fully adjudicated and approved for payment by December 31, 2024 to be eligible. The six months of data will be doubled to approximate a full year of payments.
- Payments will be disbursed in lump sum payments as claims are received. The first payment will be made by September 30, 2024 and final payment will be made by February 28, 2025.

Provider Agency representatives must submit an attestation form, attesting that 10% of the clinical staff have completed the Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Essential Knowledge for BH Providers Training Plan by April 30, 2024.

For the purpose of this incentive, "clinical staff" refers to Behavioral Health Medical Professionals (BHMPs),

Behavioral Health Professionals (BHPs), Behavioral Health Technicians (BHTs) and Behavioral Health Paraprofessionals (BHPPs) as defined in the [AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary](#).

## Attestation

**Behavioral Health Agencies must attest to the following in order to receive and use ARPA-directed payments.**

As the Chief Executive of a behavioral health provider agency, contracted with either Mercy Care or UnitedHealthcare Community Plan and that provides services to DDD members, I attest to the following:

1. The behavioral health provider agency that I represent currently has the following number of clinical staff (BHMP, BHP, BHT, and BHPP) employed: \_\_\_\_\_
2. The number of clinical staff (BHMP, BHP, BHT, and BHPP) at the provider agency I represent that completed the **Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Essential Knowledge for BH Providers Training Plan** is: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please note, a minimum of 10% of the provider agency clinical staff must have completed the specified training to be eligible for the incentive.
3. I understand that Directed Payments are subject to recoupment if an audit determines that services reimbursed from January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024, which formed the basis for the directed payment calculation, were not provided in the specified utilization periods, if billing or payment was improper, or duplicate payments for services occurred. Initial acknowledgement: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Legal Name (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_

Organization FEIN: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Mailing Address for Payment Purpose:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Click the button below once you have completed the attestation to submit it to DDD.

Providers with questions can send them via email to [dddbhtraining@azdes.gov](mailto:dddbhtraining@azdes.gov).