



PROVIDER ALERT

Requirement for Skills Building/CBRS provider certification temporarily suspended for IBHP

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Alert Summary: The required Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (PRA) certification for providers delivering Skills Building/CBRS in the Optum Idaho network for the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan (IBHP) is temporarily suspended during COVID-19 pandemic.

Dear Provider,

In response to the COVID pandemic Governor Little requested that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW) identify rules that could be temporarily suspended to ensure that providers can continue to provide vital healthcare services to Idahoans during this crisis.

The requirement that a provider delivering the Skills Building/CBRS service in the IBHP network hold a current certification from the PRA was identified by IDHW as a rule to suspend during this crisis.

As of April 1st, 2020 and until further notice Skills Building/CBRS providers can provide services to Medicaid members in the IBHP without a current PRA certification. It is important to note that while the certification requirement is currently waived; all other requirements for Skills Building/CBRS providers (ex. Bachelor's degree, supervision requirements) remain in place. For more information and to review the rules please visit Idaho Administrative Bulletin <https://adminrules.idaho.gov/bulletin/2020/04.pdf>

Providers will receive written notice, via a Provider Alert, when the rule suspension has ended.

For any questions and concerns, please reach out to your regional Provider Relations Advocate.

Thank you,
The Optum Idaho Team