



PROVIDER ALERT

Youth Support Endorsement Training

Sept. 1, 2022

Alert Summary: This alert provides details about the next Youth Support endorsement training in October and provides reminders about Peer Learning Collaboratives and Quality of Care and Supervisor trainings.

Dear Provider,

Peer Services – Peer Support, Youth Support, Family Support and Recovery Coaching – continue increasing in importance for the recovery and resiliency of many members. We strongly encourage both providers and supervisors of these services to take advantage of the classes below to stay informed and better serve our members.

Youth Support Endorsement Training

Optum Idaho is providing another Youth Support endorsement training opportunity, which is scheduled for Oct. 25-28, 2022, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. MT (with a 30-minute lunch break). Participants need to attend all four days plus a required one-hour technology check on Oct. 20, 2022, at either 9:30 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. MT. The deadline to submit an enrollment application is Oct. 7, 2022.

If you are interested in providing this service, and you meet the required qualifications listed below, we encourage you to participate, as you must have your Youth Support endorsement to render this service to members. As a reminder, a Youth Support provider must have an existing Peer Support Certification. Youth Support endorsement is Optum Idaho-issued and only valid within Idaho Medicaid.

Provider Qualifications:

1. Minimum of a high school diploma (or equivalent)
2. Current Idaho Peer Support Specialist Certification: <https://www.bpahealth.com/idaho-peer-cert/>
3. Lived experience with serious emotional disturbance (SED) or SED co-occurring with substance use disorder (SUD) as a youth or adolescent (standalone SUD lived experience is not eligible)
4. Recovery for a minimum of one year
5. Successfully passing a screening process
6. It is recommended that providers of this service are between the ages 21-30 and have a strong personal connection to current youth culture to connect with youth on a peer-to-peer level based on shared knowledge and experience

Endorsement:

The Optum Idaho Youth Support endorsement is granted upon completion of all the following:

1. Obtain and maintain an Idaho Peer Support Specialist Certification, which must be current and valid prior to enrolling in online training
2. Complete this [enrollment form](#)
3. Complete screening interview with Youth Support Trainer: Providers must successfully pass the screening interview
4. Full attendance at a live webinar training over a four-day period
5. After full completion, provider logs into Relias to print their endorsement certificate

The cost of training supplies and materials is \$50 per person for providers who successfully pass the applicant screening process (the remaining cost of training is covered by Optum Idaho). Instructions for payment to the Idaho Federation of Families will be provided upon acceptance into the Youth Support endorsement training.

For more information on other Peer training, such as Family Support and Peer Support, please contact:

BPA Health Peer and Family Support Certification

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Supervisor Training

If you currently supervise providers of Peer Services or plan to do so in the future, we strongly recommend that you participate in supervisor training to enhance your knowledge of recovery-oriented approaches. This training was designed to assist supervisors of all Peer Services to ensure they are as knowledgeable of best practices as those they oversee. Topics covered include:

- Similarities and differences of the roles of Peer Support, Youth Support, Family Support and Recovery Coaching
- Appropriate referrals for Peer Services
- Essential supervisory skills, functions and challenges
- Agency readiness for Peer Services

This course is available on demand in [Relias](#), which takes approximately two hours to complete, and providers two continuing education units (CEUs). To access the course:

- Login to Relias Learning
- Click Assignments, then browse Elective Courses
- Search for Peer Services Supervisor Training (1109085)
- Enroll

Quality of Care for Peer Services

Do you wonder how your Peer Services delivery aligns with standards and expectations in Idaho? This training is for you! If you provide any of the Peer Services and/or supervise someone who does, we think you will find this class valuable. Topics covered include:

- Service appropriateness

- Strength and resiliency factors
- Recovery plans
- Documentation
- Authorizations/service request forms

This course is available on demand in [Relias](#) and takes approximately two hours to complete. To access the course:

- Login to Relias Learning
- Click Assignments, then browse Elective Courses
- Search for Quality of Care for Peer Support Services (989531)
- Enroll

Peer Learning Collaboratives

These interactive sessions take place on the third Wednesday of each month from 3-5 p.m. MT. Peer Learning Collaboratives are opportunities for providers and supervisors of all Peer Services to continue their learning on specific topics and improve implementation and delivery of care. Certificates of completion will be provided to those who attend a session in full. For additional information or to register, please [click here](#).

Thank you,

The Optum Idaho team