

**Provider Notice**

**To: All Behavioral Health Prescribers and FBMHS Providers**  
**From: Dan Eisenhauer, Director of Operations**  
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**Subject: MH 24 105: FBMHS Prescribers**

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This Notice serves to inform the network of changes made to the permissible FBMHS prescriber types. Effective 6/3/2024, in addition to licensed psychologists, psychiatrists, and physicians, FBMHS can now be prescribed by additional professionals, within their scope of practice, including Physician Assistants (PA), Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners (CRNP), Licensed Professional Counselors (LPC), Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSW) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT). This change comes from the 2024 OMHSAS HealthChoices Program Standards and Requirements (PSR) that allows BH MCO to be exempt from the regulation on prescriber requirements. The PSR clarification on the BH MCO exception is cited in Appendix BB and is outlined below:

CITATION/EXCLUSION	Relevant Portion if the Citation Does Not Apply in its Entirety
<p><b>BH-MCOs are required to adhere to the provisions set forth in the proposed rulemaking Chapter 5260, Family Based Mental Health Services for Children and Adolescents, published in Pennsylvania Bulletin, Vol. 23, NO. 18, May 1, 1993 with the following exceptions:</b></p>	
<p>5260.12(a)(2)</p>	<p><i>Note: A determination of eligibility and a recommendation for family based mental health services can be made by a physician, a psychologist, or by another licensed practitioner if it is within their scope of practice.</i></p>

PerformCare updated the [Family Based Mental Health Services Recommendation Letter](#) to reflect this change. Please contact your Account Executive with any questions.

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