

Requirements for providing behavioral health services to BCN members

For Blue Care Network commercial and BCN AdvantageSM

Effective January 1, 2015 / Updated September 2026

The supervision requirements below are for billing purposes only.

To use this chart, locate the provide type then find the practice setting.

Provider type (Education)	License / certification	Solo or group practice (Each individual must be enrolled and credentialed.)		Substance use disorder/OPC treatment setting ⁽¹⁾ (Facility is enrolled and credentialed and is responsible for the licensing and supervision of its providers. Claims are billed by the facility and not by the provider.)		Billing modifier that must be used
		Can treat BCN members directly	Can treat BCN members under a supervising provider	Can treat BCN members directly	Can treat BCN members under facility's supervision	
Psychiatrist (MD, DO)	• Board certified or board eligible	Yes	No	Yes	PGY-3 and PGY-4 residents ⁽²⁾ must work under medical director's supervision	AM = adult HA = child
Psychologist (PhD, EdD or PsyD)	• LP – fully licensed	Yes	No	Yes	Not applicable	AH
	• LLP – limited licensed	Yes	No	Yes	Not applicable	HO
Psychologist (Master's)	• LLP – limited licensed	Yes	No	Yes	Not applicable	HO
	• TLLP – temporary limited licensed	No	No	No	Yes, under LP supervision	HO
Social worker (MSW)	• LMSW – fully licensed	Yes	No	Yes	Not applicable	AJ
	• LLMSW – limited licensed	No	No	No	Yes, under LMSW supervision	AJ
Counselor (Master's)	• LPC – fully licensed	Yes	No	Yes	Not applicable	HO
	• LLPC – limited licensed	No	No	No	Yes, under LPC or LP supervision	HO
Marriage and family therapist (Master's)	• LMFT – fully licensed	Yes	No	Yes	Not applicable	HO
	• LLMFT – limited licensed	No	No	No	Yes, under LP supervision	HO
Licensed behavior analyst (Master's)	• LBA – behavior analyst license ⁽³⁾	Yes	No	Yes	Not applicable	HO
Nurse practitioner (Master's)	• NP – nurse practitioner license / certification	Yes	Yes, under MD/DO supervision ^{(4) (5)}	Yes	Yes, under MD/DO supervision ⁽⁵⁾	TD
Clinical nurse specialist	• CNS – clinical nurse specialist license / certification ⁽⁶⁾	Yes ⁽⁶⁾	Yes, under MD/DO supervision ^{(4) (6)}	Yes ⁽⁶⁾	Yes, under MD/DO supervision	TD
Physician assistant (Master's)	• PA – physician's assistant license	Yes, in a contracted behavioral health group only	No	Yes	Not applicable	HE

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- (1) Claims must be submitted with the treating provider's modifier.
- (2) PGY-3 and PGY-4 residents are third- and fourth-year psychiatry residents, respectively.
- (3) Effective Jan. 7, 2020, behavior analysts must be licensed by the state of Michigan to be reimbursed by BCN.
- (4) All supervising providers must be individually enrolled and credentialed and claims must be submitted with the treating provider's modifier.
- (5) Nurse practitioners require a supervising physician as part of their licensing. The supervising physician is ultimately responsible for the quality of medical services provided. Members must be notified when an NP provides care and treatment.
- (6) Effective Jan. 1, 2020, clinical nurse specialists (also referred to as clinical nurse specialists-certified) who are certified in gerontology, adult gerontology or adult psychiatric mental health are eligible for reimbursement by BCN. If the CNS is in a behavioral health group practice, the group must be contracted and must include a physician for clinical supervision. If the CNS is in an OPC/substance use disorders facility, the facility must be contracted and must include a physician for clinical supervision. CNSs can provide assessment, medication management, group therapy and family therapy services. Refer to the [Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs website](#) for additional information.