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To: Local Management Entities/Managed Care Organizations (LME-MCOs)

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Subject: State-Funded Peer Support Services (PSS) service definition

This bulletin informs LME-MCOs that effective August 1, 2019 the State-funded Peer Support Services (PSS) service definition will go live and supersede any existing alternative PSS service definitions. The following Y-codes will end on July 31, 2019:

| Code | Description |
|--------|---|
| YA-308 | Peer Support |
| YA-309 | Peer Support Group B3 |
| YA-343 | Peer Support Hospital Discharge & Diversion - Ind |
| YA-366 | Recovery Education Center (REC) - Ind |
| YA-367 | Recovery Education Center (REC) - Group |
| YA-375 | Peer Support Hospital Discharge & Diversion - Group |
| YA-340 | Wellness Education Group |

PSS are an evidenced-based mental health and substance use disorder model of care that provides community-based recovery services directly to an adult diagnosed with a mental health or substance use disorder. PSS provides structured, scheduled services that promote recovery, self-determination, self-advocacy, engagement in self-care and wellness and enhancement of community living skills of individuals.

PSS services are directly provided by Certified Peer Support Specialists (CPSS) who have self-identified as a person(s) in recovery from a mental health or substance use disorder. PSS can be provided in combination with other approved mental health or substance use services or as an

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independent service, and can be delivered in an individual’s home, community, office, hospital emergency department or hospital in-patient setting. It can be provided in group or individual settings.

Agencies providing PSS will be required to use the following billing codes:

| PSS- individual | PSS- group |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| H-0038 | H-0038HQ |

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