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To: Community Mental Health Centers

From: Department for Medicaid Services
Division of Community Alternatives

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Re: Michelle P. Waiver Assessments

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is asking all Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs) to ensure Michelle P. Waiver (MPW) assessors are detailed about their qualifications when signing the MAP-351.

According to **907 KAR 1:835. Michelle P. Waiver Services and reimbursement Section 1.(6)(b)** an assessment team consists of:

1. *Two (2) registered nurses; or*
2. *One (1) registered nurse and one (1) of the following:*
 - a. *A social worker;*
 - b. *A certified psychologist with autonomous functioning;*
 - c. *A licensed psychological practitioner;*
 - d. *A licensed marriage and family therapist; or*
 - e. *A licensed professional clinical counselor.*

Assessors should identify their qualifications by listing their credentials after their name. DMS is asking for this information to ensure assessments meet regulatory criteria. When DMS receives an assessment without the assessor's credentials listed, CMHCs can expect to receive a lack of information (LOI) request. DMS appreciates your cooperation with this matter as it will reduce LOIs and make the level of care (LOC) process more efficient.

DMS is also reminding assessors to be as thorough as possible with each yearly re-assessment. The MAP-351 should give a complete picture of each participant's functional abilities at the time the assessment is conducted. Assessments should not be carried over from year to year.

If you have questions, please contact the 1915(c) Waiver Help Desk at 844-784-5614 or 1915cwaiverhelpdesk@ky.gov.