

**REQUIREMENTS FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONER**

**“Mental health practitioner” means a person providing services to persons with mental illness who is qualified in at least one of the following ways:**

- 1) Holds a bachelor’s degree in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited college or university and:
  - Has at least 2,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to persons with mental illness; or
  - Is fluent in the non-English language of the ethnic group to which at least 50 percent of the practitioner’s clients belong, completes 40 hours of training in the delivery of services to persons with mental illness, and receives clinical supervision from a mental health professional at least once a week until the requirement of 2,000 hours of supervised experience is met;
- 2) Has at least 6,000 hours of supervised experience in the delivery of services to persons with mental illness;
- 3) Is a graduate student in one of the behavioral science or related fields and is formally assigned by an accredited college or university to an agency or facility for clinical training; or
- 4) Holds a master’s or other graduate degree in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited college or university and has less than 4,000 hours post-master’s experience in the treatment of mental illness.

**In trying to determine if you meet the requirements of a mental health practitioner as listed above, we need your assistance. Please take this form to your previous/current employer and have them complete the following information:**

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Hours Worked: \_\_\_\_\_

Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_

What type of clientele served? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the person receive supervision? \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Title of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Supervisor or Person Completing Form: \_\_\_\_\_