

2019 HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Proposal for New Business

MPhA House of Delegates

Resolution 19-005

Category: Pharmacy Practice

Topic: Pharmacists as Mental Health Professionals

Proposal (Proposed Policy Statement)*:

The MPhA encourages and supports legislation that:

- a. formally recognizes pharmacists who are "*Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacy*" (BCPP) as a "*Mental Health Professional*;"
- b. increases the scope of practice for BCPP pharmacists to provide a "*diagnostic assessment*" as part of the patient care process; and
- c. includes "*comprehensive medication management services*" and "*BCPP pharmacists*" to existing state statutes relevant to "*Assertive Community Treatment.*"

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Is It Time for an Advanced Practice Psychiatric Pharmacist? Pathway to Mental Health Professional Designation

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Minnesota's Mental Healthcare Delivery System

- **Community Mental Health Centers**
- **Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC's)**
- **Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)**
- **Mobile Crisis Outreach, Crisis Stabilization and Crisis Residential**
- **Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services (ARMS)**
- **Intensive residential Treatment Services (IRTS)**
- **Behavioral Health Homes (BHH)**
- **Mn Direct Care and Treatment – State system**
- **Health systems and providers (e.g Nystrom and Associates and others)**

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Integration Opportunities

- **Bridging the Gap** between medical and mental health care – complex patients with complex therapies
- **Value added**
 - Capitalize on our specific expertise and training
- **Expand scope**
 - Mental health practitioner
 - Mental health professional
- **Curriculum and advanced training programs**
- **Leadership and advocacy**
 - Create a pathway for pharmacist designation as mental health professionals

Mental Health Professional Designation in Minnesota

Statute 245.462, Subd. 18 Mental Health Professional Definitions

"Mental health professional" means a person providing clinical services in the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one of the following ways:

(1) in psychiatric nursing: a registered nurse who is licensed under sections 148.171 to 148.285; and:

(i) who is certified as a clinical specialist or as a nurse practitioner in adult or family psychiatric and mental health nursing by a national nurse certification organization; or

(ii) who has a master's degree in nursing or one of the behavioral sciences or related fields from an accredited college or university or its equivalent, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;

(2) in clinical social work: a person licensed as an independent clinical social worker under chapter 148D, or a person with a master's degree in social work from an accredited college or university, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;

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"Mental health professional" means a person providing clinical services in the treatment of mental illness who is qualified in at least one of the following ways: Continued

(3) in psychology: an individual licensed by the Board of Psychology under sections 148.88 to 148.98 who has stated to the Board of Psychology competencies in the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness;

(4) in psychiatry: a physician licensed under chapter 147 and certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology or eligible for board certification in psychiatry;

(5) in marriage and family therapy: the mental health professional must be a marriage and family therapist licensed under sections 148B.29 to 148B.39 with at least two years of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness;

(6) in licensed professional clinical counseling, the mental health professional shall be a licensed professional clinical counselor under section 148B.5301 with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness; or

(7) in allied fields: a person with a master's degree from an accredited college or university in one of the behavioral sciences or related fields, with at least 4,000 hours of post-master's supervised experience in the delivery of clinical services in the treatment of mental illness.

Advanced Practice Psychiatric Pharmacist – Step 1

Amend Statute 245.462, Subd. 18 Mental Health Professional Definitions

Proposed definition:

In psychiatric pharmacy: a pharmacist who is licensed under section 150.01 Subd. 3 by the Board of Pharmacy

(i) who is board certified by in psychiatry by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties as Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacy (BCPP)

Advanced Practice Psychiatric Pharmacist – Step 1a

- **Change is scope of practice to add language for advanced practice pharmacists to be able to provide a diagnostic assessment of patients as a function of the pharmacists patient care process.**
- **APPP would under the pharmacists patient-care process provide a “diagnostic assessment” of the patient’s response in the overall provision of comprehensive medication management. The diagnostic assessment would be an overall written evaluation of the indication, effectiveness, safety and convenience.**
- **Need standard language that everyone can understand**

Advanced Practice Psychiatric Pharmacist – Step 2

This may or may not be proposed at the same time as the APPP proposal.

Amend Statute 256B.0622 Assertive Community Treatment and Intensive Residential Treatment Services

Subd. 7

To include the addition of comprehensive medication management services

Subd 7a

To add pharmacist specialist to Assertive Community Treatment Staff requirements and roles

Advocacy Plan

- **Focus group of boarded pharmacists**
- **Story board of the value of psychiatric pharmacists**
 - Outcomes from practices
 - Testimonials
- **Meeting with organizations to build support. Those with major interest and support:**
 - MN Psychiatric Society
 - Mn Association of Community Mental Health Centers
 - Individual mental health centers e.g. NPMHC, HDC, others
 - Individual psychiatric providers
- **Potential non-supporters – much of this would be centered on changes to the ACT law**
 - NAMI
 - Other providers e.g. APN's etc.
 - Potentially DHS who would need to apply for a waiver for the fidelity standards.