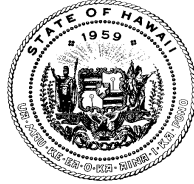


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In reply, please refer to:
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TO: All Contracted Agencies

FROM: John O. Viesselman, M.D.
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SUBJECT: **Psychiatric Coverage in Intensive Outpatient Treatment for Co-Occurring Substance Abuse**

CAMHD is clarifying staffing requirements for Intensive Outpatient Treatment for Co-Occurring Substance Abuse program. Staffing requirement #6 on page 288 of the Interagency Performance Standards and Practice Guidelines (IPSPG) states *“The program staff psychiatrist or consultant is available for medical emergencies, assessments, and consultation. The psychiatrist is onsite for those emergencies that merit face-to-face services within one (1) hour of the call for assistance and makes direct arrangements with a community hospital in the event the youth is in need of possible hospitalization. This will be duly documented and kept on file at the program. There is established protocol for appropriate qualified medical coverage in the absence of the designated psychiatrist. The psychiatrist has courtesy privileges at the community hospital within the same county as the program.”* CAMHD is clarifying this requirement to be applicable during program operation hours only. CAMHD will also waive the following requirement; *“The psychiatrist has courtesy privileges at the community hospital within the same county as the program.”*

CAMHD additionally intends to clarify that Agencies must still provide emergency coverage, but it does not need to be provided by a psychiatrist to be in compliance with the clinical requirement #5 on page 289, *“Program must have twenty-four (24) hour a day seven (7) days a week emergency coverage when the program is not in operation. There must be an established means of coverage and client’s having access to contact number”* A QMHP or an MHP under the supervision of a QMHP may provide this coverage during non-program operation hours, but the psychiatrist must be available for consultation within 24-hours of the emergency.

We appreciate your compliance with this clarification. Should you have any questions, please call me at 733-9230 or e-mail me at joviesse@camhmis.health.state.hi.us.

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