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Date: October 11, 2019
To: DMC-ODS Contracted Providers
From: Santa Barbara County Behavioral Wellness JLA
Subject: Licensed-Eligible Practitioners Supervision Requirement
CC: ADP, QCM

Per the Department of Health Care Services DMC-ODS Intergovernmental Agreement (Exhibit A, Attachment I, III, A- Provider Specifications) LPHAs who are licensed-eligible practitioners must be working under the supervision of licensed clinicians.

Licensed-eligible practitioners include Associate Clinical Social Workers (ASWs), Associate Marriage and Family Therapists (AMFTs), and Associate Professional Clinical Counselors (APCCs) who are registered with the California Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS). Licensed-eligible practitioners must be receiving clinical supervision in alignment with the BBS supervisor standards for their specific licensure. Clinical supervision requirements are specific to licensure and include supervisor minimum qualifications, legal requirements and ethical standards. Please see the BBS website for more information: <https://bbs.ca.gov/applicants/>

It is the responsibility of the contracted provider to ensure that all licensed-eligible practitioners are providing DMC-ODS services under the supervision of licensed clinicians until they become licensed. It is recommended that contracted providers maintain formal documentation of clinical supervision in personnel records for all licensed-eligible practitioners who are providing DMC-ODS services.