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Dear Behavioral Health Provider,

The Department of Health and Human Services was asked to provide further clarity related to the contract Rider A language for Individual and Group Outpatient Treatment Services that addresses a licensed community agency's responsibility in assuring supervision of Independent Contractors. Following 3 regional public forums and input from several community agencies the final determination has been reached and is noted below.

Licensed Providers of Behavioral Health Services **shall provide** clinical supervision/consultation of the Independent Contractor. Supervision may be provided individually or in a group setting and will be documented by the Provider. Minimum supervision/consultation requirements are one hour per month for staff licensed to practice independently and four hours per month for practitioners not licensed to practice independently, or the amount of supervision required by their professional licensing authority (whichever is greater). For independent practitioner's consultation can include case reviews and team meetings in which the individual is not acting in a supervisory capacity.

For additional questions you may have about this requirement, please contact us at 1-800-791-4080 or 207-287-9300 (TDD Number: Maine Relay 711).

Sincerely,

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