

Certified Psychiatric Nurse Specialist (CPNS)

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1.0 ISSUE

Certified Psychiatric Nurse Specialist (CPNS).

2.0 POLICY

2.1 A CPNS may provide covered care independent of physician referral and supervision. A CPNS is an individual who:

2.1.1 Is a licensed, registered nurse; and

2.1.2 Has at least a master's degree in nursing with a specialization in psychiatric and mental health nursing; and

2.1.3 Has had at least two years of post-master's degree practice in the field of psychiatric and mental health nursing, including an average of eight hours of direct patient contact per week; or

2.1.4 Is certified by the American Nurses Association through the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

2.2 Claims for mental health services provided by a CPNS are subject to the limitations on psychiatric procedures.

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