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## PROVIDER CERTIFICATION UPDATE: PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATION

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CASOMB has determined that some additional adjustments in the "provisional" certification are needed. Standards for provisional certification will be changed for those who apply for provisional certification after January 1, 2015. Those who have applied prior to January 1, 2015, will be provisionally certified based on the previous standards. Future changes to the provisional certification standards will be considered based on current needs of the state. Provisional certification is only permitted for those who have obtained a Master's degree or higher at the time of application.

As of January 1, 2015, the provider certification requirements, as stated in **Section K of PART ONE: REQUIREMENTS THAT APPLY TO ALL PROVIDERS** are as follows:

### K. Provisional Approval and Extension Period for Compliance

Individuals applying to be listed on the Certified Provider list who do not, at the time of application, meet one or more of the "Training" or "Experience" criteria for certification may be granted Provisional Approval. An applicant for provisional status must develop and submit a corrective action plan which explains how the deficiencies will be corrected within the specified time frame. The Plan must include a clear statement regarding his or her intent to comply with these criteria within the specified period. The corrective action plan must be approved by CASOMB before a certificate is issued.

To apply for provisional status at the **Independent Level**, the applicant must be licensed for the independent provision of mental health services. In addition, the applicant must have a minimum of 350 hours of experience specifically in the areas of evaluation and treatment of sex offenders within the last two years, 250 of which must have been direct face to face therapy with offenders, or providing supervision. Further, the applicant must have a minimum of 25 hours of training within the last two years related to sex offender evaluation, treatment and management methods, with 20 of those hours in Core Topics. Provisionally approved Independent Practitioners **may not** supervise other practitioners.

To apply for provisional status at the **Associate Level**, the applicant must have a minimum of 200 hours of experience specifically in the areas of evaluation and treatment of sex offenders within the last two years, 100 of which must have been direct face to face therapy with offenders, or providing supervision. In addition, the applicant must have a minimum of 15 hours of training within the last two years related to sex offender evaluation, treatment and management methods, 10 of those hours must be in Core Topics. A provisionally approved Associate Level Practitioner **may not** supervise other practitioners.

There is no provisional status for the **Apprentice Level**.

Applicants for Independent and Associate Practitioner status shall have **one year** from the date of the approved corrective action plan to rectify the area(s) of deficiency. Applicants granted provisional status are required to re-apply for full (non-provisional) status when the deficiencies have been remedied. It is the provider's responsibility to notify CASOMB and reapply as soon as the deficiencies have been corrected. The re-application must include documentation that the full requirements have been met.

CASOMB has elected to extend the period allowing for "provisional" certifications for those who apply by July 1, 2016.

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