

MANAGED CARE COMPANIES WITH PROVIDER PANELS FOR CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS

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INTRODUCTION

Many managed care companies offer job opportunities for licensed and certified clinical social workers to provide mental health services to their members on a contractual basis. Managed care companies may credential the social workers or hire credentialing agencies to certify the providers. Several conditions that managed care companies may seek from clinical social work applicants include:

- MSW or PhD from an accredited school of social work.
- a clinical license in the state of practice. In the absence of a state license, a state certification may be acceptable.
- malpractice insurance.
- three to five years of post-license experience. (Some managed care companies require a minimum of 3,000 hours of post-master's experience in a clinical setting.)
- an active clinical practice.

To help you get started in your search for available provider panels, a current list of major managed care companies that offer behavioral health care in several geographic locations throughout the United States is on the following page. Contact the Provider Relations Division of the managed care company of your choice and request an application to become a member of their provider panel in your area. Most managed care companies accept online or paper applications. It may take 60 days or more for

your application to be approved after it is submitted. If the managed care company is not accepting new applicants, call them back periodically to check their recruitment status because changes can occur frequently in this industry.

HELPFUL HINTS

Factors that can attract attention to your managed care provider application include

- flexible office hours including evenings and weekends
- a specialty such as geriatrics, grief and bereavement, child and adolescent services, work place services, post-traumatic stress.
- a brief, concise resume.
- additional certifications
- special training such as EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing) and biofeedback.

Managed care companies provide behavioral health care services to millions of Americans nationwide. They contract with clinical social workers and other mental health practitioners to provide psychotherapy, employee assistance, substance abuse and other services. Several of the largest managed care companies contracting with clinical social workers include Magellan Behavioral Health, Value Options, United Behavioral Health Care, and Cigna Behavioral Health Care.

MANAGED CARE COMPANIES THAT OFFER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE

American Psych Systems
6705 Rockledge Drive
Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20817
1-800-305-3720
www.apscare.com

Horizon Behavioral Services
512 Township Line Road
Blue Bell, PA 19422
215-283-1911
www.horizoncare.net

Wellpoint Behavioral Health
9655 Granite Ridge Drive
6th Floor
San Diego, CA
1-800-728-9493
www.wellpointbehavioral.com

Cigna Behavioral Health Services
11095 Viking Drive
Suite 350
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
952-996-2000
www.cignabehavioral.com

Magellan Behavioral Health
6950 Columbia Gateway Drive
Suite 220
Columbia, MD 20146
1-800-788-4005
www.magellanhealth.com

CompCare
204 South Hoover Blvd.
Suite 200
Tampa, FL 33609
1-800-458-6139
www.comprehensivecare.com

Managed Health Network
1600 Los Gamos Drive
Suite 300
San Rafael, CA 94903
1-800-541-3353
www.mhn.com

Ceridian (Lifeworks)
3311 East Old Shakopee Road
Minneapolis, MN 55425
1-800-367-3920

PacifiCare Behavioral Health
3120 Lake Center Drive
Santa Ana, CA 92704
1-800-716-1166
www.pbhi.com

ComPsych Corporation
NBC Tower
455 N. City Front Plaza Drive
13th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60611
312-595-4000
www.compsych.com

Preferred MH Management
401 E. Douglas, Suite 300
Wichita, KS 67202
1-800-776-6793
www.pmh.com

CONTACT
1400 E. Southern Avenue
Suite 800
Tempe, AZ 85282
1-800-309-2242
www.contactbhs.com

United Behavioral Health
425 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94601
1-800-333-8724
www.ubhonline.com

FEI Behavioral Health
11700 W. Lake Park Drive
Milwaukee, WI 53224
1-800-987-4368
www.feinet.com

ValueOptions
240 Corporate Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23502
1-800-397-1630
www.valueoptions.com

Holman Group
21050 Vanowen Street
Canogo Park, CA 91303
818-704-1444
www.holmangroup.com

VMC Behavioral Health Care
100 S. Greenleaf
Gurnee, IL 60031
847-625-3597
www.vmceap.com

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