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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: ADDT Providers  
FROM: Melissa Weatherton  
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SUBJECT: ADDT Qualifying Diagnosis Requirement

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Section 212.300 of the Adult Developmental Day Treatment (ADDT) Medicaid manual requires an individual to have a documented qualifying intellectual or developmental disability diagnosis that originates before the age of twenty-two (22) and is expected to continue indefinitely to be eligible for ADDT services.

Section 212.300(B)(6) lists as a qualifying intellectual or developmental disability diagnosis:

“A diagnosis of intellectual and developmental disability or other similar condition found to be closely related to intellectual or developmental disability because it results in an impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of a person with an intellectual or developmental disability or requires treatment and services similar to that required for a person with an intellectual or developmental disability, based on the results of a team evaluation performed by the client’s PCP or attending licensed physician and a licensed psychologist.”

A licensed psychological examiner’s scope of practice includes the “interviewing or administering and interpreting of tests for mental abilities, aptitudes, interests, and personality characteristics for the purposes of psychological evaluation to assist in the determination of educational or vocational selection, guidance, or placement.” See Ark. Code Ann. § 17-97-102(b)(2).

Over the last several years it has been increasingly difficult for individuals with intellectual and developmentally disabilities to obtain psychological services. In recognition of this fact, a licensed psychological examiner’s or a licensed psychologist’s participation in a team evaluation will suffice for meeting the qualifying diagnosis requirement under Section 212.300(B)(6) of the Adult Developmental Day Treatment (ADDT) Medicaid manual.

This decision does not affect any other section of the Adult Developmental Day Treatment (ADDT) Medicaid manual or any other Medicaid manual.