



Certified Peer Support Professional FAQs

- 1) Why is the peer certification changing?**
 - A. *DMHA is combining Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, Co-Occurring and Family wellness training for peers to ensure a comprehensive approach to recovery.*

- 2) Will I need to get re-certified or take a new test if I'm already a Certified Recovery Specialist?**
 - A. *If you are currently certified as a CHW/CRS, you will be grandfathered into the new CPSP. All existing CHW/CRS's will be issued a new certificate as CPSP's once the grandfathering process is complete.*

- 3) Is the new Certified Peer Support Professional certification different from my current Certified Addiction Peer Recovery Coach I or II credential?**
 - A. *Yes, these are two different credentials. The Certified Peer Support Professional (CPSP) certification is issued and monitored by the DMHA, while the CAPRC I and CAPRC II credential is issued and monitored by ICAADA.*

- 4) Is this a state endorsed Peer Certification reimbursed through Medicaid?**
 - A. *Yes, peer support services are reimbursed through Medicaid in Indiana.*

- 5) What are the personal requirements to apply for a Certified Peer Support Professional certification?**
 - a. *Be 18 years of age or older.*
 - b. *Have a high school diploma or equivalent.*
 - c. *Individual living in recovery with a mental health and/or substance use condition.*
 - (and/or)*
 - d. *Family member to another person living with a mental health and/or substance use condition.*
 - e. *Must live or work in Indiana at least 51% of the time.*

- 6) What are the training requirements for a Certified Peer Support Professional certification?**

A: Training requirement details will be forthcoming when they are available.

7) What are the continuing education requirements for maintaining the Certified Peer Support Professional certification?

A. Continuing education requirement details will be forthcoming when they are available.

8) What happens to my Community Health Worker credential if I'm a CRS/CHW?

A: The Community Health Worker (CHW) Certification will be built into the CPSP Curriculum so this part of the credential will not change.

9) Can I still provide peer support services with my current peer support credential? If yes, then how long?

A: Yes. If an individual has a current and up to date CHW/CRS certificate, the certification is valid and will be grandfathered into a CPSP certification with no change in their ability to provide peer support services within the state of Indiana. The certificate will be valid through the existing expiration date. Going forward, continuing education hours and re-certification will fall under the guidelines of the CPSP.

10) How will this affect me, and do I need to tell my employer?

A: This will not affect your current certification. DMHA will make public announcements to notify stakeholders of the certification changes. We do encourage you to have open communication with your employer about the upcoming changes.

11) How will I process my re-certification?

A: Continue to submit all CEU's and documentation to Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana/Peer Network Indiana website for the renewal year 2023 as you have done in the past until otherwise notified.

12) Will I receive a new certificate in the mail with the new name on it to give to my employer?

A: Yes. Please ensure any changes in your contact information are given to Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana/Peer Network Indiana.

13) Who do I contact if I have other questions and/or my employer has concerns I can't answer about my certification?

A: All concerns regarding certification should be directed to Kimberly Comer at kcomer@essentialvirtualsolutions.com

14) Will I need a new document to track CEU's for my continuing education for recertification?

A: Individuals should continue using existing documents to track CEU's unless notified via email regarding any changes to this process.

15) How does this affect my Train the Trainer (TTT) certification?

A: All existing TTT certifications will remain in place unless otherwise notified.