

CMHRP CMARC Program Guide Updates

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This document provides a summary of updates in the revised CMARC and CMHRP program guide, officially released by the Department on October 20, 2023. Key updates and clarifications are outline below:

1. **Care Manager Education Requirement:** The program guide now specifies the updated education requirement for care managers at Local Health Departments (LHDs) responsible for delivering CMHRP and CMARC programs.

Update LHD Care Manager Education Requirement Language: Staff eligible to provide this service must meet at least one of the following qualifications:

- Social worker with a Bachelor of Social Work (BSW, BA in SW, or BS in SW) or Master of Social Work (MSW, MA in SW, or MS in SW) from a Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) accredited social work degree program.
- Registered nurse
- Bachelor's degree in a human service field with 5 or more years of care management/case management experience working with the specific population of low-income, pregnant individuals and/or children ages 0-5 years
- Bachelor's degree in a human service field with 3 or more years of care management/case management experience working with the specific population (low income, pregnant individuals and/or children ages 0-5 years) and has certification as a Case Manager (CCM preferred)

Program staff hired prior to Sept. 1, 2011, without a bachelor's or master's degree in social work may retain their existing position only. This grandfathered status does not transfer to any other position.

2. **Guidance for CMARC Members Eligible for Tailored Care Management (TCM):** Children in CMARC eligible for Tailored Care Management have transitioned from CMARC to the LME/MCO for Tailored Care Management as of April 1, 2023. The update guide incorporates guidance in the addendum on the Department's requirements of LHDs transitioning CMARC members to TCM.
3. **Extension of Exclusive Contracting Period:** The program guide includes the Department's finalized guidance on extending the exclusive contracting requirements between LHDs and PHPs for CMHRP and CMARC programs for an additional year, now extended through June 30, 2025. This update refers to the [Program Update for CMHRP and CMARC Programs](#) published on July 13, 2023, for contract changes and program oversight details.
4. **Healthy Opportunities Pilot Participation:** The guide now provides a high-level overview of the Healthy Opportunities Pilot, including information about participating regions, the Healthy Opportunities Network Lead, and references additional LHD resources related to the pilot program.
5. **Clarification of CMHRP and CMARC Measure Sets:** Appendix X & XI in the program guide now contain definitions of an encounter and a member as they pertain to the CMHRP and CMARC measure sets, offering greater clarity.

6. **Updated Referral Forms:** The CMARC referral forms have been updated, and new Tribal Option CMARC referral and Tribal Option CMHRP screening forms have been added to the appendix for easy reference.
7. **Tribal Option Language:** The Tribal Option at-risk programs are captured in the updated program guide, and referral and risk screening documents are included.