BHPA DESIGNATION

Insurance Regulatory Examiners Society
Who is IRES? What is BHPA?

• The Insurance Regulatory Examiners Society (IRES) is an association of professional insurance regulators dedicated to consumer protection. IRES helps to promote fair, cost-effective, and efficient insurance regulation by ensuring professionalism and integrity among the individuals who serve state and federal insurance regulatory bodies.

• The Behavioral Health Parity Auditor Designation’s intent is to provide practical and comprehensive training for regulators, examiners and the industry to create a consistent approach to compliance on what can seem like a complicated topic.

• We believe IRES is an ideal independent organization for this designation as we have experience in the development of designations such as Market Conduct Management (MCM), Accredited Insurance Examiner (AIE®) and Certified Insurance Examiner (CIE®).
Overview of IRES Developed Core Courses

Core 1
- MHPAEA History and Law Development

Core 2
- QTL and NQTL Identification and Classification

Core 3
- Medical Necessity, Utilization Review and Pharmacy Benefit Considerations

Core 4
- Claim Coding, Network Adequacy, Provider Reimbursement, Vendor Oversight
Supplemental Required Courses

- The ASAM Criteria
- AHIP Courses
- Medical Necessity Criteria
- Quality Assessment
- More to Come (Still Developing/Assessing)
Current Status

Onsite offering of Core 1 in Englewood, Colorado Aug 31 to Sept 2 (immediately following IRES Career Development Seminar)

Core 1 will be modified after initial program

Next offering will be virtual program

Consideration of in-person program at the same location as the NAIC Fall National Meeting

Core 2 anticipated late 2022 or early 2023

Seeking assistance from experts in mental health parity to assist with training development

Oversight group at IRES: Shelly Schuman, Erica Weyhenmeyer, LeAnn Crow, John Haworth, Sheri Marston, Cynthia Fitzgerald
More to Come

- The Regulator Newsletter
- Will update NAIC MHPAEA Working Group
- Trademark Registration Pending

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