

## LPHA Attestation Form Guide to Edits

Effective December 2020, the Licensed Practitioner of the Healing Arts (LPHA) Attestation form has been revised based on stakeholder feedback and to reflect changes approved by CMS. To allow for easier completion and limit confusion on part of the practitioner completing the LPHA Attestation, there are now *separate forms* for each target population – Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED), Medically Fragile (MF), and Developmental Disability who are Medically Fragile (DD/MF).

The list of allowable LPHA practitioners who may complete this attestation form has been expanded to include LPHA's who have the ability to diagnose within their scope of practice under NY State law **OR** who are under *supervision* of an LPHA who has the ability to diagnose within their scope of practice under NY State law. Refer to Appendix A below and on the form for a list of allowable providers.

Additionally, to address concerns of care managers regarding the difficulty to obtain the LPHA Attestation, the LPHA Attestation Form will **only** be needed during the initial HCBS Level of Care Assessment and not as part of the annual reassessment, unless there is a break in services.

Additional changes to the form sections and fields are in the chart below:

Form Section	Update
Introduction/Instructions	Revised for clarification
Section A: Child/Youth Demographics	No updates
Section B: SED Target Criteria	Section B: is the Target Population criteria for each on separate forms. SED Target Criteria on the SED Attestation form
Section C: MF Target Criteria	Is now Section B: MF Target Criteria on the MF Attestation form New text added: Documentation of the choice above must be provided and reviewed by the LPHA signing this attestation to ensure proper documentation and time frame of such documentation falls within the signing of this attestation form.
Section D: DD/MF Target Criteria	Is now Section B: DD/MF Target Criteria on the DD/MF Attestation form
Section E: LPHA Information and Signature	Is now Section C: LPHA Information and Signature Added space for LPHA Credentials (Ex: MD, PA, LCSW)
	Added checkbox: I have made this attestation based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• My own diagnosis/treatment of this child/youth</li> <li>• Review of diagnosis documentation completed by another qualified practitioner currently treating this child/youth</li> </ul>
	Added space for LPHA to include their organization/agency and supervisor (if applicable)
Appendix A	Revised definition of LPHA: an individual professional who is a Licensed Psychiatrist, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Nurse Practitioner, Physician, Physician Assistant, or Licensed Psychologist and practicing within the scope of their State license or who is under the supervision of another licensed practitioner of the healing arts who has the ability to diagnose within their scope of practice under NY State Law including: Licensed Psychoanalyst, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), Licensed Creative Arts Therapist (LCAT), Registered Professional Nurse, and Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW).

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