

## DEFINITIONS:

### **QMHP=Qualified Mental Health Professional**

**"Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP)"** means a clinician in the health professions who is trained and experienced in providing psychiatric or mental health services to individuals who have a psychiatric diagnosis; including a (i) physician: a doctor of medicine or osteopathy; (ii) psychiatrist: a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, specializing in psychiatry and licensed in Virginia; (iii) psychologist: an individual with a master's degree in psychology from a college or university with at least one year of clinical experience; (iv) social worker: an individual with at least a bachelor's degree in human services or related field (social work, psychology, psychiatric rehabilitation, sociology, counseling, vocational rehabilitation, human services counseling or other degree deemed equivalent to those described) from an accredited college **AND** with at least one year of clinical experience providing direct services **(developing, conducting, and approving assessments and individual service plans or treatment plans)** to persons with a diagnosis of mental illness; (v) Registered Psychiatric Rehabilitation Provider (RPRP) registered with the International Association of Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services (IAPSRS); (vi) registered nurse licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia with at least one year of clinical experience; or (vii) any other licensed mental health professional.

### **QMRP=Qualified Mental Retardation Professional**

**"Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP)"** means an individual is one of the following: a doctor of medicine or osteopathy, a registered nurse, or holds at least a bachelor's degree in a human services field including, but not limited to, sociology, social work, special education, rehabilitation counseling, and psychology **AND** has at least one year of documented experience **(developing, conducting, and approving assessments and individual service plans or treatment plans)** working directly with individuals who have an intellectual disability (mental retardation) or other developmental disabilities.

## **QMHP/QMRP Interpretative Guidelines:**

This position provides direction, development and implementation, direct supervision and monitoring (observation and evaluation of staff implementing care, service plans & interacting with clients) to the service provided. This position has responsibility for approving assessments and individual service plans or treatment plans to ensure that appropriate services are provided to meet the needs of the individuals serviced. The QMRP or QMHP must have documented experience ***developing, conducting, and approving assessments and individual service plans treatment plans.***

**THIS POSITION IS NOT FOR INDIVIDUALS WHOSE EXPERIENCE IS LIMITED TO IMPLEMENTING AND MONITORING PLANS, ATTENDING IEP OR TEAM MEETINGS ONLY.**

12 VAC 35-105-590 states an individual could meet the requirements for a QMHP or QMRP if he has “equivalent experience.” Equivalent Experience is defined as ***five years of paid experience*** in providing direction, development and implementation, direct supervision and monitoring (observation and evaluation of staff implementing care, service plans & interacting with clients) to the service provided. This position has responsibility for approving assessments and individual service plans or treatment plans to ensure that appropriate services are provided to meet the needs of the individuals serviced. The QMHP or QMRP ***must have documented experience developing, conducting, and approving assessments and individual service plans treatment plans.***