Peer Specialist Workforce

State-by-state information on key indicators, and links to each state’s peer certification program web site.

Alabama

Certification program exists

Peer support not Medicaid-reimbursable

204 peer specialists statewide

www.mh.alabama.gov/MI/consumers.aspx

Alaska

No certification

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.akpeersupport.org

Arizona

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

2,524 peer specialists statewide

www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/MedicalPolicyManual/961.pdf

Arkansas

Certification under development

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

No web site

California

No certification

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/MH/Documents/CMHPCPeerCertPaper.pdf

Colorado

Certification under development

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

http://www.coloradomentalwellnessnetwork.org/recovery-education/peer-support-specialist/

Connecticut

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

100 peer specialists statewide

www.mindlink.org

www.ct.gov/DMHAS/cwp/view.asp?A=2900&Q=437254

Delaware

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

29 peer specialists statewide

www.delawarerecovery.org

District of Columbia

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

107 peer specialists statewide

www.dbh.dc.gov/service/peer-specialist-certification-program

Florida

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

421 peer specialists statewide

www.peersupportfl.org

Georgia

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

1700 peer specialists statewide

www.gacps.org

Hawaii

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

190 peer specialists statewide

health.hawaii.gov/amhd/consumer/hcps/

Idaho

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

125 peer specialists statewide

http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Medical/MentalHealth/PeerSpecialistsFamilySupportPartners/tabid/2935/Default.aspx

Illinois

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

184 peer specialists statewide

www.illinoismentalhealthcollaborative.com/consumers/consumer\_crss.htm

Indiana

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

378 peer specialists statewide

www.chwcrs.org/

Iowa

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

76 peer specialists statewide

http://www.iowabc.org/mhpss

Kansas

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

538 peer specialists statewide

www.webs.wichita.edu/?u=ccsr&p=/certifiedpeerspecialisttraining/

Kentucky

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

558 peer specialists statewide

www.dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/ebpi-recovery.aspx

Louisiana

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

74 peer specialists statewide

www.lapeersupport.org

Maine

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

100 peer specialists statewide

www.amistadinc.com

Maryland

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

107 peer specialists statewide

http://mapcb.wordpress.com/cprs/

Massachusetts

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

583 peer specialists statewide

transformation-center.org/home/training/certified-peer-specialists/

Michigan

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

1532 peer specialists statewide

www.mpsupeers.org

Minnesota

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.mentalhealthmn.org/

www.riinternational.com/

Mississippi

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

143 peer specialists statewide

www.dmh.ms.gov/peer-support-services/

Missouri

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

326 peer specialists statewide

www.peerspecialist.org/PeerSpecialist1.0/

Montana

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.mtpeernetwork.org

Nebraska

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

320 peer specialists statewide

www.dhhs.ne.gov/behavioral\_health/Pages/DBHOCAPeer.aspx

Nevada

Certification under development

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.NVPPS.com

New Hampshire

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.dhhs.nh.gov/dcbcs/bbh/peer.htm

New Jersey

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.certbd.org/

www.mhanj.org/consumer-connections-2/

New Mexico

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

Web site unknown

New York

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

300 peer specialists statewide

www.nypeerspecialist.org/

North Carolina

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

1834 peer specialists statewide

https://pss.unc.edu/

North Dakota

No certification

Peer support not Medicaid-reimbursable

16 peer specialists statewide

Web site unknown

Ohio

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=712

Oklahoma

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

400 peer specialists statewide

www.ok.gov/odmhsas/Mental\_Health/Certified\_Peer\_Recovery\_Support\_Specialist/index.html

Oregon

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

515 peer specialists statewide

www.mhaoforegon.org

Pennsylvania

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

4300 peer specialists statewide

www.papsc.org

Rhode Island

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

89 peer specialists statewide

www.ricertboard.org/

South Carolina

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

100 peer specialists statewide

www.scshare.com

South Dakota

No certification

Peer support not Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

No web site

Tennessee

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

557 peer specialists statewide

www.tn.gov/behavioral-health/topic/certified-peer-recovery-specialist-program

Texas

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

750 peer specialists statewide

www.viahope.org/programs/peer-specialist-training-and-certification/

Utah

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

346 peer specialists statewide

https://dsamh.utah.gov/certified-peer-support-specialist-information-page/

Vermont

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.wwcvt.org

Virginia

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

97 peer specialists statewide

https://www.vacertboard.org/certifications

Washington

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

2,500 peer specialists statewide

Web site unknown

West Virginia

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

Number of peer specialists unknown

www.dhhr.wv.gov/bhhf/Sections/programs/ConsumerAffairsCommunityOutreach/Pages/default.aspx

Wisconsin

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

428 peer specialists statewide

www.wicps.org; www.sce-peerspecialist.uwm.edu

Wyoming

Certification program exists

Peer support Medicaid-reimbursable

56 peer specialists statewide

www.health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/initiatives/peer-specialists/

Sources: Doors to Well-Being at https://www.doorstowellbeing.org/ and the Texas Institute for Excellence in Mental Health at http://sites.utexas.edu/mental-health-institute/