Cornerstone Behavioral Healthcare
Section 14. Independent Contractors

A. Independent Contractors: Cornerstone Behavioral Healthcare **(**CBH) will ensure that services provided through an independent contractor comply with rules and applicable statutes found in 10-144 CMR Ch. 123 Behavioral Health Organizations Licensing Rule.

B. Written Agreement: All clinical independent contractors (Affiliates) will have a fully signed contract on file that governs the requirements for both the organization and the independent contractor. See CBH's Affiliate Contractor Agreement for specific requirements.

C. Obligations of the Independent Contractor: See the contractor's agreement or contractor's affiliate file.

D. Obligations of the Organization: See the contractor's agreement or contractor's affiliate file.

E. Quality Improvement Review: CBH conducts quality improvement reviews of services provided by independent contractors.

1. CBH's written quality improvement plan (Corrective Action Plan) includes monitoring and evaluating the quality of independent contractor services.
2. When needed, CBH, in conjunction with the independent contractor, will develop a written quality improvement plan that includes measurable actions, data collection, and timelines to achieve compliance with the provisions of the independent contractor's agreement.

F. Violations: See the contractor's agreement for contractual violations and remedies to cure.

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