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Subject: Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Sunset Provision

This bulletin informs LME-MCOs that the sunset provision (please see excerpt below from Joint Communication Bulletin #J193) regarding the enrollment extension of Nurse Practitioners will be revised and more guidance will be given in the next 90 days.

Excerpt from [Joint Communication Bulletin #J193](#), dated April 15, 2016:

DMA shall extend enrollment to NPs who are certified in another specialty with two years of documented mental health experience. These NPs shall be enrolled under a sunset clause that requires psychiatric certification by June 30, 2017 and, if this certification is not obtained by that date, the individual will no longer be able to provide behavioral health services under Clinical Coverage Policy 8C.

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