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## PBH Administration Communication Bulletin

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**To:** PBH Network Providers and Stakeholders  
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**RE:** Discontinuation of B-3 Services (Community Transition and Supported Employment)

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Effective immediately, PBH will no longer offer B-3 Supported Employment and Community Transition to persons with Mental Health or Substance Abuse disorders as a benefit under the PBH Cardinal Health plan.

Per CMS regulation, vocational training is statutorily excluded from Medicaid reimbursement. Therefore, under the State Medicaid Plan, payment may not be made for employment assessments or ongoing support to maintain employment except under an HCBS waiver, such as Innovations. Services that can not be covered under the State Medicaid plan can additionally not be covered as a B-3 service. Medicaid can pay for the integrated medical services that enable an individual to function in the workplace. This includes psychiatrist or psychologist treatment, rehabilitation planning, therapy and counseling, and case management activities assisting the enrollee to gain access to needed medical, social, educational and other services.

Community Transition, as currently approved by CMS is only available to Adults who are functionally eligible but not enrolled in the Piedmont Innovations 1915(c) waiver program. These individuals will have a primary diagnosis of an intellectual disability or a condition closely related to an intellectual disability such as Cerebral Palsy or Epilepsy.

PBH is committed to using the B-3 services to address gaps in the current service system and as a mechanism to promote promising and evidence based practices for persons with mental health and substance abuse.

Questions regarding this service change can be referred to PBH Consumer Affairs or the Provider Relations Manager.