

HUMAN BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE CLINICAL SERVICES RECEIVES URAC FULL ACCREDITATION FOR HEALTH UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT

Las Vegas, NV, Sept. 18, 2007 - HUMAN BEHAVIOR INSTITUTE CLINICAL SERVICES announced today that it has been awarded Full Accreditation under the HEALTH UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT STANDARDS, version 5.0 from URAC, a Washington, DC-based health care accrediting organization that establishes quality standards for the health care industry. HBI is the first independent behavioral health agency within the state of Nevada to receive this accreditation.

“Our organization is committed to providing excellence in clinical care and customer service and our approach to managed care is client centered,” explained Dr. Anis Abi-Karam, Founder and President of HBI. “We are extremely pleased that URAC has given this distinction to Human Behavior Institute.”

Founded in 1990, Human Behavior Institute is a full-service behavioral health organization. HBI develops and implements managed behavioral health services and employee assistance programs to self-funded employers, insurance carriers, union trusts, and third-party administrators. HBI has an extensive service delivery system provided by network practitioners and staff-model specialty clinics.

“By applying for and receiving Full Accreditation under the Health Utilization Management Standards, Human Behavior Institute has demonstrated a commitment to quality health care,” said Alan P. Spielman, URAC President and CEO. “Quality health care is crucial to our nation’s welfare and it is important to have organizations that are willing to measure themselves against national standards.”

URAC standards ensure that only appropriately trained, qualified clinical personnel conduct and oversee the utilization review process, that a reasonable and timely appeals process is in place, and that medical decisions are based on valid clinical criteria. URAC Health Utilization Management Accreditation requires each organization to establish and implement a three-step process to determine if a proposed medical treatment or service is medically necessary. Ultimately, URAC Health Utilization Management Accreditation provides assurance to patients, providers, purchasers, regulators and employers that the services and practices of HBI are fair and equitable for all parties.

URAC, an independent, nonprofit organization, is a leader in promoting health care quality through accreditation and certification programs. URAC’s standards keep pace with the rapid changes in the health care system, and provide a mark of distinction for health care organizations to demonstrate their commitment to quality and accountability. Through its broad-based governance structure and an inclusive standards development process, URAC ensures that all stakeholders are represented in setting meaningful standards for the health care industry. For more information, visit www.urac.org.

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