

SPeCTRUM 2.0 Training Deadline Extended for AAW and ACAP Providers

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AUDIENCE:

Adult Autism Waiver (AAW) and Adult Community Autism Program (ACAP) providers and Supports Coordination Organizations (SCOs)

PURPOSE:

To announce the extended expected completion date for the SPeCTRUM 2.0 Training

DISCUSSION:

ODP has received feedback from many users communicating technical difficulties with the SPeCTRUM 2.0 training modules. We are currently working to resolve these issues and make modifications to ensure that all staff can access and complete the required modules. We hope that the adjustments we are making will significantly improve the users' experience.

Due to the technical issues with the training, we are extending the date of expected completion of all 9 modules of SPeCTRUM 2.0 from October 1, 2019 to **January 1, 2020**.

We would like to reiterate that **only Modules 1 and 2 of SPeCTRUM 2.0** must be completed before enrolling as a new provider and before newly hired staff may provide services to program participants. Module 2 has already been modified.

Please review the updated completion requirements outlined below:

- **Newly Enrolling AAW Provider Agencies and SCOs:**
 - Are required to **have a minimum of one staff person within the agency complete Modules 1 and 2 of SPeCTRUM 2.0** in order to be enrolled as a provider.

- **Modules 1-2** must be completed **by all individual staff members** employed by an agency who will be providing direct services **prior to providing direct services to any program participants.**
- **Modules 3-9** must be completed **by January 1, 2020** by all individual staff members employed by an agency who will be providing direct services. If hired after November 1, 2019, they will be required to complete Modules 3-9 **within 60 days of beginning to provide services to any program participants.**
- **New provider and SCO staff and new ACAP staff:**
 - **Modules 1-2** must be completed by all individual staff members employed by an agency who will be providing direct services **prior to providing direct services to any program participants.**
 - **Modules 3-9** must be completed **by January 1, 2020** by all individual staff members employed by an agency who will be providing direct services. If hired after November 1, 2019, they will be required to complete Modules 3-9 **within 60 days of beginning to provide services to any program participants.**
- **Current provider and SCO staff and ACAP staff (who have taken SPeCTRUM 1.0 and are currently providing services to AAW or ACAP participants):**
 - Are required to complete **all 9 modules of SPeCTRUM 2.0** by January 1, 2020.

Please note: As soon as the Chapter 6100 regulations are promulgated, these modules can be used to meet the required training hours stipulated in the new regulations.

Please contact ra-bastrainings@pa.gov if you have any questions.