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# APS HEALTHCARE EARNS URAC ACCREDITATION IN

## HEALTH UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT 7.4 &

# CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION ORGANIZATION 4.1.

The designation demonstrates the highest level of commitment to quality healthcare

San Juan, Puerto Rico – APS HEALTHCARE is proud to announce that it has earned URAC accreditation in HEALTH UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT and CREDENTIALS VERIFICATION ORGANIZATION. URAC is the independent leader in promoting healthcare quality through leadership, accreditation, measurement and innovation. By achieving this status, APS HEALTHCARE has demonstrated a comprehensive commitment to quality care, improved processes and better patient outcomes.

#### COMPANY information.

APS Healthcare is a Managed Behavioral Health Organization (MBHO) with 20 years of experience delivering recovery-oriented services for Medicaid, Medicare, and commercial members.

#### COMPANY LEADERSHIP QUOTE.

"Thanks to the APS HEALTHCARE team, for your professionalism, commitment and attention to detail to make this a reality. We are proud of our team that made possible this achievement and earn URAC's seals of accreditation. APS HEALTHCARE is committed to provide quality services, guided by our values and our mission of improving the lives of the people we serve. We remain focused on monitoring and strengthening the level of operational efficiency and excellence in our services, to promote patient safety and patient satisfaction, said Alexis Cardona, President and CEO of APS HEALTHCARE".

#### URAC QUOTES

Health Utilization Management Program – "Appropriateness and efficiency are words to live by in meeting new value-based goals for population health. APS Healthcare's URAC accreditation shows an

ability to abide by the gold standard when it comes to performing Health Utilization Management functions, said URAC President and CEO Shawn Griffin, M.D. "URAC's utilization management accreditation standards promote an evidence-based and reasonable review of services that respect both patients and providers."

Credentials Verification Organization Program – "Increased scrutiny of healthcare quality makes credentials verification a vital component in delivering safe and successful care," said URAC President and CEO Shawn Griffin, M.D. "APS Healthcare is showing a commitment to quality by achieving Credentials Verification Organization Accreditation from URAC that's designed to increase patient confidence, maintain provider excellence, and reduce legal exposure."

### About APS HEALTHCARE

Began offering comprehensive behavioral health services in 1999, organized through our innovative network of providers, which currently delivers services to 1.3 million covered lives in 18 proprietary community-based clinics, in addition to the largest network of contracted hospitals, and independent provider totaling more than 1,500 behavioral health professionals.

With a professional and specialized call center, electronic health record, and care management system, we make available to our beneficiaries; multidisciplinary services at our APS CLINICS system and comprehensive providers' network to facilitates access to services in Puerto Rico.

A leader in the establishment of integrated medical and behavioral health, APS HEALTH offers the services of a comprehensive behavioral health organization with a deep understanding of the complex interactions of physical health and mental illnesses. For adults, geriatric, adolescent and children with behavioral health and/or addiction disorders, our experienced staff offers a variety of healthcare modalities to address individual needs.

## About URAC:

Founded in 1990, URAC is the independent leader in promoting healthcare quality through leadership, accreditation, measurement and innovation. URAC is a nonprofit organization using evidence-based measures and developing standards through inclusive engagement with a range of stakeholders committed to improving the quality of healthcare. Our portfolio of accreditation and certification programs span the healthcare industry, addressing healthcare management, healthcare operations, health plans, pharmacies, telehealth providers, physician practices, and more. URAC accreditation is a symbol of excellence for organizations to showcase their validated commitment to quality and accountability.