**Section 132.155 Specialty Certification Process**

a) The provider shall submit to DHS.DMH.SPC@illinois.gov information that demonstrates compliance with the components listed in this Subpart E for each specialty program in which it is seeking certification.

b) CMHCs shall be awarded deemed status, pursuant to Section 132.120, for components that are covered by accreditation or certification.

c) DMH will review all submitted materials to determine eligibility for special program certification within 90 days after receipt.

1) If the provider is eligible for special program certification, DHS-DMH will issue a certificate to the provider and inform HFS of the certification status.

A) Special program certification will be effective on date of issue.

B) Recertification of a specialty program shall occur annually.

2) If the provider is ineligible for special program certification, DHS-DMH will issue a Notice of Violation that will provide the entity 30 days to remedy the violations.

A) If the entity submits documentation of corrections by the due date indicated on the NOV, DHS-DMH will review and make a determination within 10 days after receipt; and

B) DHS-DMH will notify the entity of the outcome within 15 days.

3) The appeals process for a specialty certification shall follow the process defined in 89 Ill. Adm. Code 140.Table N.

d) DHS-DMH may supply technical assistance through the certification process as deemed necessary.