

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 432

BY SENATOR LUNEAU

HEALTH CARE. Provides relative to specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program. (8/1/20)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2), relative to behavioral health rehabilitation

3 services in the Louisiana medical assistance program; to require a minimum level of

4 education and training for certain providers; to make technical changes; and to

5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:2162(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §2162. Specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical

9 assistance program

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11 D. In order to be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement, all behavioral

12 health services providers shall ensure that any individual rendering PSR or CPST

13 services for the licensed and accredited provider agency meets all of the following

14 requirements:

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16 (2)(a) ~~On and after July 1, 2018, any~~ **Any** individual rendering PSR services

17 for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of a **one of the**

1 **following:**

2 (i) ~~A~~ bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field  
3 of counseling, social work, psychology, or sociology.

4 **(ii) Any bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with**  
5 **a minimum of fifteen hours of coursework or practicum experience from an**  
6 **accredited university or college in counseling, social work, sociology, or**  
7 **psychology as part of or in addition to the bachelor's degree.**

8 **(iii) Any master's degree from an accredited university or college with**  
9 **a minimum of fifteen hours of graduate level coursework or practicum**  
10 **experience from an accredited university or college in counseling, social work,**  
11 **sociology, or psychology as part of or in addition to the master's degree.**

12 (b) Any individual rendering PSR services who does not possess the  
13 minimum ~~bachelor's degree required~~ **educational requirements provided for** in this  
14 Paragraph, but who met all provider qualifications in effect prior to July 1, 2018,  
15 may continue to provide PSR services for the same provider agency. Prior to the  
16 individual rendering PSR services at a different provider agency, he ~~must~~ **shall**  
17 comply with the provisions of this Section.

18 ~~(b) On and after July 1, 2018, any~~ (c) **Any** individual rendering any CPST  
19 services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of a  
20 bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling,  
21 social work, psychology, or sociology.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Brandi Cannon.

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Present law defines "psychosocial rehabilitation services" (PSR services) as psycho-educational services provided to individuals with mental illness in order to assist with skill building, restoration, and rehabilitation, designed to assist the individual with compensating for or eliminating functional deficits and interpersonal or environmental barriers associated with mental illness.

Proposed law retains present law.

Present law provides that, in order to be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement, all behavioral health services providers shall ensure that any individual rendering PSR services for the provider agency meets certain enumerated requirements including a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology, or sociology.

Proposed law retains present law and expands the minimum eligible educational requirement to include both of the following:

- (1) Any bachelor's degree with a minimum of 15 hours of coursework or practicum experience from an accredited university or college in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology as part of or in addition to the bachelor's degree.
- (2) Any master's degree with a minimum of 15 hours of graduate level coursework or practicum experience from an accredited university or college in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology as part of or in addition to the master's degree.

Present law provides that any individual rendering PSR services who does not possess the minimum bachelor's degree required by present law, but who met all provider qualifications in effect prior to July 1, 2018, may continue to provide PSR services for the same provider agency. Further provides that, prior to the individual rendering PSR services at a different provider agency, the individual must comply with the provisions of present law.

Proposed law retains present law but makes technical changes.

Effective August 1, 2020.

(Amends R.S. 40:2162(D)(2))