

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 127

2021 Regular Session

McMath

KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH. Provides relative to specialized behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program. (8/1/21)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE BILL

1. Expands the fields of study for the bachelor's degree requirement.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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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 a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the fields of counseling, social work, psychology, sociology, rehabilitation services, special education, early childhood education, secondary education, family and consumer sciences, or human growth and development with a minor in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology.

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, 2021.

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

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