

DIGEST

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SB 153 Engrossed

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Selders

Present law defines "Community psychiatric support and treatment services" (CPST services) as CMS-approved Medicaid mental health rehabilitation services designed to reduce disability from mental illness, restore functional skills of daily living, build natural supports, and achieve identified person-centered goals or objectives through counseling, clinical psycho-education, and ongoing monitoring needs as set forth in an individualized treatment plan.

Present law provides that, in order to be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement, all behavioral health services providers shall ensure that any individual rendering CPST services for the provider agency meets certain enumerated requirements.

Present law authorizes the La. State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a certified social worker certification for up to three years to an individual who is pursuing a master's social work license and meets qualifications established by the board.

Proposed law provides that at the end of the three-year period, any certified social worker who has provided CPST services in accordance with present law and who meets all the qualifications for licensure, except for passing a board-approved examination, shall be issued a limited scope license that authorizes the individual to only provide CPST services.

Present law requires any individual rendering any components of CPST services, except for assessment and treatment planning components, to be a fully licensed mental health professional, a provisionally licensed professional counselor, a provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed master social worker, a certified social worker, or a psychology intern from an American Psychological Association approved internship program.

Proposed law adds that individuals who have been issued a limited scope certified social worker license may also provide the CPST services in the same manner as a provisionally licensed professional counselor, a provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist, or a certified social worker.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:2707(A)(3) and 2724(B) and R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(c); Adds R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(d))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the engrossed bill:

1. Remove the requirements for licensed professional counselors, provisional licenses, temporary licenses, temporary provisional licenses, renewal of licenses, and temporary provisional licenses.
2. Make technical changes.