

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing 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.

Existing 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.

Existing 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.

New law provides that at the end of the three-year period, any certified social worker who has provided CPST services in accordance with existing law and who provides certain information to the board shall be issued an extended certification that authorizes the certified social worker to solely provide CPST services.

Existing 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.

New 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.

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(Amends R.S. 37:2724(B) and R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(c); adds R.S. 40:2162(D)(2)(d))