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2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 127

BY SENATOR MCMATH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

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

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
10	* * *
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 <u>one of the</u>

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1	<u>following:</u>
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	<u>a minor in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology.</u>
6	(b) Any individual rendering PSR services who does not possess the
7	minimum bachelor's degree required educational requirements provided for in this
8	Paragraph, but who met all provider qualifications in effect prior to July 1, 2018,
9	may continue to provide PSR services for the same provider agency. Prior to the
10	individual rendering PSR services at a different provider agency, he must shall
11	comply with the provisions of this Section.
12	(b) On and after July 1, 2018, any (c) Any individual rendering any CPST
13	services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of a
14	bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling,
15	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.

	DIGEST	
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<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Present law</u> 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.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and expands the minimum eligible educational requirement to include any bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with a minor in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology.

Present law provides that any individual rendering PSR services who does not possess the

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Proposed law retains present law but makes technical changes.

Effective August 1, 2021.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

- <u>Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to</u> <u>the original bill</u>
- 1. Changes the educational requirement of 15 hours of coursework or practicum experience in certain mental health related fields to a minor in certain mental health related fields.