

SENATE BILL NO. 127

BY SENATOR MCMATH

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

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 40:2162(D)(2), relative to behavioral health rehabilitation services in the Louisiana medical assistance program; to require a minimum level of education and training for certain providers; to make technical changes; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

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D. In order to be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement, all behavioral health services providers shall ensure that any individual rendering PSR or CPST services for the licensed and accredited provider agency meets all of the following requirements:

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(2)(a) ~~On and after July 1, 2018, any~~ Any individual rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of a **one of the following:**

(i) A bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology, or sociology, rehabilitation services, special education, early childhood education, secondary education, family and consumer sciences, or human growth and development.

(ii) Any bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with a minor in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology.

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

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

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____