

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law defined "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.

New law retains prior law.

Prior law provided 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.

New law retains prior 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.

Prior law provided that any individual rendering PSR services who does not possess the minimum bachelor's degree required by prior 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 provided that, prior to the individual rendering PSR services at a different provider agency, the individual must comply with the provisions of prior law.

New law retains prior law but makes technical changes.

Effective August 1, 2021.

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