
 DIGEST

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SB 213 Engrossed

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Present law provides that "community psychiatric support and treatment services" (COST) are CMS-approved Medicaid mental health rehabilitation services to assist individuals with skill building designed to reduce disability from mental illness, restore functional skills of daily living, and build natural supports and solution-oriented interventions, or such other successor services or requirements subsequently approved by CMS or the La. Dept. of Health.

Proposed law deletes present law language regarding successor services and specifies that CPST services are intended to 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 "psychosocial rehabilitation services" (PSR) are CMS-approved Medicaid mental health rehabilitation services provided to individuals with mental illness designed to assist the individual with compensating for or eliminating functional deficits and interpersonal or environmental barriers associated with mental illness, or such other successor services or requirements subsequently approved by CMS or LDH.

Proposed law deletes present law language regarding successor services and specifies that PSR services use skill building and supportive interventions to restore and rehabilitate social and interpersonal skills and daily living skills.

Present law provides that an individual rendering any CPST services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology, or sociology.

Proposed law changes present law to require an individual rendering the assessment and treatment planning components of CPST services to be a fully licensed mental health professional. Proposed law further provides that an individual rendering all other components of CPST services shall 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 a degree in criminal justice to the list of minimum requirements for any individual rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited provider agency as provided in present law.

Proposed law removes effective dates in present law that have already passed.

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

(Amends R.S. 40:2162(A)(3) and (7), (C)(3), (D)(1), (2)(a)(i) and (c), (3)(b), and (H)(1); repeals R.S. 40:2162(C)(2)(c))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

1. Amends the definition of psychosocial rehabilitation services.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add a degree in criminal justice to the list of minimum requirements for any individual rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited provider agency.
2. Make technical changes.