

## ***Behavioral Health Non-licensed Practitioners***

Effective January 1, 2019, the Louisiana Department of Health made some changes to the requirement for non licensed behavioral health (BH) practitioner to provide psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) and community psychiatric supportive treatment (CPST) services to the BH community.

To provide PSR services, prior to January 1, 2019, the non licensed BH practitioner had to be at least 18 years old and have a high school diploma or equivalent. A nonlicensed BH practitioner hired on or after January 1, 2019, must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology or sociology. Any individual who does not possess the minimal bachelor's degree required, but met all provider qualifications in effect prior to January 1, 2019, may continue to provide PSR services for the same provider agency. Additionally, the individual must be at least three years older than any individual they service under the age of 18.

To provide CPST services, prior to January 1, 2019, staff with a master's degree in social work, counseling, psychology or a related human services field could provide all aspects of CPST, including individual supportive behavioral interventions. Note: Human services field is defined as an academic program with a curriculum content in which at least 70% of the required courses are in the study of behavioral health or human behavior. Other aspects of CPST, except for individual supportive behavioral interventions, may otherwise be performed by an individual with a bachelor's degree in social work, counseling, psychology or a related human services field or four years of equivalent education and/or experience working in the human services field; This can include credentialed peer support specialists as defined by LDH who meet the qualifications above.

Effective on or after January 1, 2019, individuals rendering CPST services must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology or sociology. Individuals with a master's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology or sociology may render all aspects of CPST, including individual supportive behavioral interventions. Any individual who does not possess the minimal master's degree in counseling, social work, psychology or sociology required to provide master's level CPST services, but who met all provider qualifications in effect prior to January 1, 2019, may continue to provide master's level CPST services for the same provider agency. Prior to the individual rendering master's level CPST services for a different provider agency, the individual must comply with the minimum master's degree provisions of this section.

<b>Degree type</b>	<b>Degree description</b>
MC	Master of Counseling
MSW	Master of Social Work
MCP	Master of Clinical Psychology
MFT	Master of Family Therapy
MHC	Master of Mental Health Counseling
MSPSY	Master of Science in Psychology
BACO	Bachelor of Counseling
BASW	Bachelor of Social Work
BPSY	Bachelor of Psychology
BSOC	Bachelor of Sociology

If you would like to join the Healthy Blue network as a non-licensed BH practitioner, please provide the non-licensed practitioner's hire date below. If the hire date is on or after January 1, 2019, you **must** provide proof of the non-licensed BH practitioner's education. **Please note:** Only the practitioners with the degrees listed above will be accepted as non-licensed BH practitioners.

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Submitter name:			
Tax ID:		Date hired:	
Practitioner name:			
Practitioner NPI:			
Group name (if applicable):			
Group NPI (if applicable):			

**Please note:** By signing this form, you are attesting to the provider's education, hire date and accuracy of the data being submitted.

Attestation signature:	
Date signed:	

Completed forms may be returned to Healthy Blue:

- Via fax: **1-888-375-5063**.
- Via email: [LAInterPR@HealthyBlueLA.com](mailto:LAInterPR@HealthyBlueLA.com).
- By emailing the form to your Provider Relations representative.

**Internal use only:** Please load practitioner specialty as S458 if their education is one of the allowed degree types listed above.