

Changes to community psychiatric support and treatment and psychosocial rehabilitation

Background or summary

The Louisiana Legislature passed Senate Bill 213 and Governor John Bel Edwards signed it as *Act 503*, with an anticipated effective date of January 1, 2023. This law affects behavioral health services providers (BHSP) who provide community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) services or psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) services to Medicaid enrollees. More specifically, it revises the components of the services and the staff able to provide the services, effective January 1, 2023.

Please see the January 2023 requirements for practitioners rendering CPST and PSR services listed below.

If you would like to join the Healthy Blue network as a non-licensed BH practitioner, please submit proof of education (copy of college transcript) and/or state license, and enter the practitioner's hire date.

Rosters and attestation can only be signed and submitted by credentialing, supervisor, or office manager. Return the roster and the attestation to Healthy Blue by submitting via Availity*, or by emailing LAoperations@HealthyBlueLA.com, **by December 1, 2022.**

Changes to CPST services

Any individual rendering the assessment and treatment planning components of CPST services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall be a fully licensed mental health professional. Any individual rendering any of the other components of CPST services for a licensed and accredited provider agency 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.

Degree type	Degree description
PLPC	Provisionally licensed professional counselor
PLMFT	Provisionally licensed marriage family therapist
LMSW	Licensed master social worker
CSW	Certified social worker
*	Psychology intern*

*For purposes of these changes as related to/pursuant to *Act 503*, a psychology intern is identified as individual enrolled in an American Psychological Association **approved internship** program. The MHR agency must be a participating site with an American Psychological Association accredited internship program in Louisiana.

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Changes to PSR services

Any individual rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of a **bachelor's degree** from an accredited university or college in one of the following fields: **counseling, social work, psychology, sociology, rehabilitation services, special education, early childhood education, secondary education, family and consumer sciences, criminal justice, or human growth and development.**

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What if I need assistance?

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