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Present law requires that, in order to be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement, behavioral health services providers shall ensure that any individual rendering psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) services or community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) services for a licensed and accredited provider agency meets certain requirements.

Present law requires any individual rendering PSR services for a provider agency to have either a bachelor's degree in the field of 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 or a bachelor's degree in any field with a minor in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology.

Proposed law adds that an individual may also have a bachelor's degree in health sciences or therapeutic recreation to render PSR services.

Effective August 1, 2026.

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