
DIGEST

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Abstract: Adds certain school-based psychologists and social workers to those providers exempt from behavioral health provider licensing requirements.

Present law, the Behavioral Health Services Provider Licensing Law, authorizes the La. Dept. of Health (LDH) to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of persons receiving behavioral health services through the licensure and regulation of behavioral health services providers. Exempts certain types of providers from the requirement for licensure, including school-based health clinics and centers that are certified by LDH, office of public health, and enrolled in the La. Medicaid program.

Proposed law retains present law and also exempts from behavioral health services licensure requirements an individual who provides school-based health services through a public school governing authority and who meets both the following criteria:

- (1) He is a certified school psychologist or a licensed master's social worker.
- (2) He is enrolled in the La. Medicaid program under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment program.

(Amends R.S. 40:2154(A)(12))