

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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Return Address:	<u>11410 Lake Sherwood Ave. North, Ste A</u>	Rule Title:	<u>Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors Billing Technical Revision</u>
	<u>Baton Rouge, LA. 70816</u>	Date Rule Takes Effect	<u>Immediate</u>

SUMMARY
(Use complete sentences)

In accordance with Section 961 of Title 49 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, there is hereby submitted a fiscal and economic impact statement on the rule proposed for adoption, repeal or amendment. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS SUMMARIZE ATTACHED WORKSHEETS, I THROUGH IV AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LOUISIANA REGISTER WITH THE PROPOSED AGENCY RULE.

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
(Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners is approximately \$400 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the *Louisiana Register*.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
(Summary)

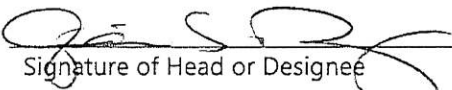
The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

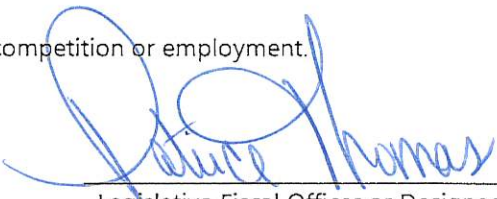
III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL
BUSINESSES, OR NON-GOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact small businesses or non-governmental groups. There are no expected economic losses. The rule does not change how billing is handled by providers, which typically include mental health clinics, group practices, behavioral health centers, schools, hospitals, and private counseling agencies. Under current administration rule and practice, Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (PLPCs) cannot accept payment directly from clients or bill under another provider's name. Their employer bills for the services and pays the PLPC through regular payroll or contract arrangements. This rule simply clarifies that process to ensure employers understand their role in billing and compensation. It does not create any new financial or administrative requirements.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.


Signature of Head or Designee
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The following information is required in order to assist the Legislative Fiscal Office in its review of the fiscal and economic impact statement and to assist the appropriate legislative oversight subcommittee in its deliberation on the proposed rule.

A. Provide a brief summary of the content of the rule (if proposed for adoption, or repeal) or a brief summary of the change in the rule (if proposed for amendment). Attach a copy of the notice of intent and a copy of the rule proposed for initial adoption or repeal (or, in the case of a rule change, copies of both the current and proposed rules with amended portions indicated).

Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (PLPCs) may accept payment from employers that seek reimbursement through insurance. This is a technical rule revision to clarify it's meaning regarding reimbursement for a PLPC.

B. Summarize the circumstances which require this action. If the Action is required by federal regulation, attach a copy of the applicable regulation.

The language revision is to clarify to constituents that hire and manage PLPCs regarding billing practices that insurance agencies may reimburse the employer for counseling sessions that are completed in accordance with insurance regulations.

C. Compliance with Act 11 of the 1986 First Extraordinary Session

- (1) Will the proposed rule change result in any increase in the expenditure of funds? If so, specify the amount and source of funding.

The proposed rule revision will not require any additional funding or expenditure of funds.

- (2) If the answer to (1) above is yes, has the Legislature specifically appropriated the funds necessary for the associated expenditure increase?

(a) _____ YES. If yes, attach documentation.

(b) XX _____ NO. If no, provide justification as to why this rule change should be published at this time

The Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners operates on self-generated funds, and it has determined that the proposed rule changes are in the public's best interest.

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WORKSHEET**

I. A. COSTS OR SAVINGS TO STATE AGENCIES RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED

1. What is the anticipated increase (decrease) in costs to implement the proposed action?

COSTS	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$400	\$0	\$0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER CHARGES	\$0	\$0	\$0
EQUIPMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
MAJOR REPAIR & CONSTR.	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$400	\$0	\$0
POSITIONS (#)	0	0	0

2. Provide a narrative explanation of the costs or savings shown in "A. 1.", including the increase or reduction in workload or additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.) anticipated as a result of the implementation of the proposed action. Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these costs.

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state agencies resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners is approximately \$400 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the Louisiana Register.

3. Sources of funding for implementing the proposed rule or rule change.

SOURCE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
STATE GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$0
AGENCY SELF-GENERATED	\$400	\$0	\$0
DEDICATED	\$0	\$0	\$0
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$0
OTHER (Specify)	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$400	\$0	\$0

4. Does your agency currently have sufficient funds to implement the proposed action? If not, how and when do you anticipate obtaining such funds?

The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board has sufficient funds to implement these rule changes.

B. COST OR SAVINGS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS RESULTING FROM THE ACTION PROPOSED.

1. Provide an estimate of the anticipated impact of the proposed action on local governmental units, including adjustments in workload and paperwork requirements. Describe all data, assumptions and methods used in calculating this impact.

The proposed rule changes are not anticipated to result in any costs or savings for local governmental units.

2. Indicate the sources of funding of the local governmental unit, which will be affected by these costs or savings.

The proposed rule change will not impact sources of funding of local governmental units.

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II. EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

A. What increase (decrease) in revenues can be anticipated from the proposed action?

REVENUE INCREASE/DECREASE	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27
State General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agency Self-Generated	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dedicated Funds*	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$0
*Specify the particular fund being impacted.			

B. Provide a narrative explanation of each increase or decrease in revenues shown in "A." Describe all data, assumptions, and methods used in calculating these increases or decreases.

The proposed rule changes will not affect revenue collections for state or local governmental units.

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III. COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS

A. What persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups would be directly affected by the proposed action? For each, provide an estimate and a narrative description of any effect on costs, including workload adjustments and additional paperwork (number of new forms, additional documentation, etc.), they may have to incur as a result of the proposed action.

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact small businesses or non-governmental groups. There are no expected economic losses. The rule does not change how billing is handled by providers, which typically include mental health clinics, group practices, behavioral health centers, schools, hospitals, and private counseling agencies. Under current law and practice, Provisional Licensed Professional Counselors (PLPCs) cannot accept payment directly from clients or bill under another provider's name. Their employer bills for the services and pays the PLPC through regular payroll or contract arrangements. This rule simply clarifies that process to ensure employers understand their role in billing and compensation. It does not create any new financial or administrative requirements.

B. Also provide an estimate and a narrative description of any impact on receipts and/or income resulting from this rule or rule change to these groups.

The proposed rule change will not have an effect on receipts or income

IV. EFFECTS ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT

Identify and provide estimates of the impact of the proposed action on competition and employment in the public and private sectors. Include a summary of any data, assumptions and methods used in making these estimates.

The proposed rule change will have no effect on competition or employment.