



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of the Secretary

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY**

September 21, 2021

James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations  
Medicaid & CHIP Operations Group  
601 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 0300  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106-2898

RE: Louisiana Title XIX State Plan  
Transmittal No. 21-0023

Dear Mr. Scott:

I have reviewed and approved the enclosed Louisiana Title XIX State Plan material.

I recommend this material for adoption and inclusion in the body of the State Plan. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Karen Barnes at (225) 342-3881 or via email at [Karen.Barnes@la.gov](mailto:Karen.Barnes@la.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ruth Johnson".

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Dr. Courtney N. Phillips  
Secretary

Attachments (2)

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<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE &amp; MEDICAID SERVICES</b>	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <b>21-0023</b>	2. STATE <b>Louisiana</b>
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <b>January 1, 2022</b>	


5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)  
 NEW STATE PLAN       AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN       AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  <b>42 CFR 440.60</b>	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT a. FFY <u>2022</u> \$ <u>0</u> b. FFY <u>2023</u> \$ <u>0</u>
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  <b>Attachment 3.1-A, Item 4b, Page 9d</b> <b>Attachment 3.1-A, Item 13d, Page 15</b>	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) <b>Same (TN 19-0001)</b> <b>Same (TN 18-0005)</b>

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT **The purpose of this SPA is to amend the provisions governing Children's Behavioral Health Services in order to revise provider and staff qualifications relative to Psychosocial Rehabilitation services.**

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)  
 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT       OTHER, AS SPECIFIED  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED      The Governor does not review State Plan material.  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  	16. RETURN TO <b>Patrick Gillies</b> <b>Medicaid Executive Director</b> <b>State of Louisiana</b> <b>Department of Health</b> <b>628 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street</b> <b>P.O. Box 91030</b> <b>Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9030</b>
13. TYPED NAME <b>Ruth Johnson, designee for Dr. Courtney N. Phillips</b>	
14. TITLE <b>Secretary</b>	
15. DATE SUBMITTED <b>September 21, 2021</b>	

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17. DATE RECEIVED	18. DATE APPROVED
<b>PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED</b>	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL
21. TYPED NAME	22. TITLE

23. REMARKS

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED  
LIMITATIONS ON THE AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF CERTAIN ITEMS OF PROVIDED MEDICAL  
AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES ARE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

3. Restoring skills so the member may remain in a natural community location and achieve developmentally appropriate functioning, and assisting the individual with effectively responding to or avoiding identified precursors or triggers that result in functional impairment.

**Provider Qualifications**

To qualify as a PSR agency, the agency must be licensed as a behavioral health service provider by the Louisiana Department of Health and be accredited by a national accrediting organization approved by the Department.

Prior to January 1, 2019, agencies providing PSR services must have or have applied for accreditation by an accrediting organization approved by the Department. Agencies are allowed to render PSR services prior to attaining full accreditation; however, agencies are required to attain a full accreditation status within 18 months of the initial accreditation application date.

Effective January 1, 2019, agencies providing PSR services must be fully accredited, or obtain a preliminary accreditation prior to rendering PSR services. Agencies must maintain continuous, uninterrupted full or preliminary accreditation. Agencies providing PSR services must obtain a full accreditation status within 18 months of the agency's initial accreditation application date.

Effective January 1, 2019, MHR Specialists rendering PSR services for a licensed provider agency shall hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology or sociology.

Effective January 1, 2022, any individual rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of one of the following: a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college in the field of counseling, social work, psychology, sociology, rehabilitation services, special education, early childhood education, secondary education, family and consumer sciences, or human growth and development; or any bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with a minor in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology.

PSR services may be provided by an agency licensed to provide mental health services. MHR Specialists rendering PSR services must operate under an agency license. MHR Specialists rendering PSR services may be licensed or unlicensed behavioral health specialists meeting state and federal qualifications and requirements to provide PSR services. Any MHR Specialist hired prior to January 1, 2019, rendering PSR services who does not possess the minimum educational requirements as described here, but who met all qualifications in effect prior to January 1, 2019, may continue to provide PSR services for any licensed and accredited provider agency.

Unlicensed MHR Specialists must receive regularly scheduled clinical supervision from a person meeting the qualifications of an LMHP with experience regarding this specialized mental health service.

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Activities included must be intended to achieve the identified goals or objectives as set forth in the individualized treatment plan. The intent of psychosocial rehabilitation is to restore the fullest possible integration of the individual as an active and productive member of his or her family, community, and/or culture with the least amount of ongoing professional intervention. PSR is a face-to-face intervention provided individually or in a group setting. Most contacts occur in community locations where the person lives, works, attends school, and/or socializes.

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PSR services may be provided by an agency licensed to provide mental health services. Individuals rendering PSR services must operate under an agency license.

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Any individual rendering PSR services who does not possess the minimum educational requirements as described here, but who met all provider qualifications in effect prior to January 1, 2019, may continue to provide PSR services for any licensed and accredited provider agency. Credentialed peer support specialists who meet the qualifications above may also provide PSR services.