

STATE OF LOUISIANA

AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

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

<u>CITATION</u>	<u>MEDICAL AND REMEDIAL CARE AND SERVICE</u>	<u>Medical Care and any other type of remedial care recognized under State Law, furnished by licensed practitioners within the scope of their practice as defined by State law are limited as follows:</u>
42 CFR 440.60	Item 6.	<u>Podiatry Services</u>

Item 6a.

Podiatrists shall be limited to performing only those Health Care Procedural Codes (HCPC) they are licensed to perform under State Law which are currently covered under Louisiana's Title XIX program as Physician services as defined in 42 CFR 440.50.

Podiatrists and recipients (seeking treatment from Podiatrists) shall be subject to the same service requirements and limitations as other practitioners included in Physician Services reimbursement.

EPSDT recipients are excluded from service limits.

Item 6b.

Optometrist Services

The Bureau of Health Services Financing makes payment to optometrists for their services that are within the scope of optometric practice and will receive Medicaid reimbursement to the same extent, and according to the same standards, as physicians who perform these same eye services. EPSDT recipients are excluded from service limits.

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440.60 Services Item 6.d.

1. Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs)

Certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) means a person who:

- a. is a registered nurse licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing; and
- b. has met any other Louisiana licensure requirements applicable to non-physician anesthetists.

Only anesthesia services provided in accordance with State law are reimbursable to CRNAs. Payment for surgical anesthesia services is allowable only for the day of the surgery or delivery.

2. Audiologists

- a. Audiology services are defined as diagnostic, preventive, or corrective services for individuals with speech, hearing, and language disorders provided by or under the direction of an audiologist.
- b. A referral must be made by a licensed physician for these services.
- c. Qualification requirements:

- 1) Licensure - An audiologist must be licensed by Louisiana Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology.
- 2) Certification
 - a) An audiologist must have a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA); or
 - b) Must have completed the equivalent educational and work experience requirements for the certificate; or

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c) Must have completed the academic program and be acquiring supervised work experience to qualify for the certificate.

d. Current regulations of the Physician Program will govern the reimbursement and frequency of these services.

EPSDT beneficiaries are excluded from service limitations.

3. Physician Assistants

- a. A physician assistant must enroll as a provider and obtain an individual Medicaid provider number.
- b. Service coverage shall be determined by individual licensure, scope of practice, and delegation by the supervising physician.
- c. The supervising physician must be a Medicaid enrolled provider.
- d. Clinical practice guidelines and protocols shall be available for review upon request by authorized representatives of the Medicaid Program.

4. Clinical Nurse Specialists

- a. Clinical nurse specialists must enroll as a provider and obtain an individual Medicaid provider number in order to participate in the Medicaid Program.
- b. Service coverage shall be determined by individual licensure, scope of practice, and the terms of the physician collaboration agreement.
- c. The collaborating physician must be a Medicaid enrolled provider.
- d. Collaborative agreements shall be available for review upon request by authorized representatives of the Medicaid Program.

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Other Licensed Practitioners

Licensed Mental Health Practitioners

- A. Licensed mental health practitioners are licensed individuals who are in good standing in the state of Louisiana to practice within the scope of all applicable state laws, practice acts, and the practitioner's professional license. Licensed mental health practitioners include the following individuals:
1. Licensed Mental Health Professionals (LMHPs), who are licensed in the state of Louisiana to diagnose and treat mental illness or substance use disorders. LMHPs include the following individuals licensed to practice independently:
 - Medical Psychologists
 - Licensed Psychologists
 - Licensed Clinical Social Workers (LCSWs)
 - Licensed Professional Counselors (LPCs)
 - Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFTs)
 - Licensed Addiction Counselors (LACs)
 - Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) (must be a nurse practitioner specialist in Adult Psychiatric & Mental Health, and Family Psychiatric & Mental Health or a Certified Nurse Specialists in Psychosocial, Gerontological Psychiatric Mental Health, Adult Psychiatric and Mental Health, and Child-Adolescent Mental Health and may practice to the extent that services are within the APRN's scope of practice);
 2. Provisionally licensed professional counselors (PLPCs);
 3. Provisionally licensed marriage and family therapists (PLMFTs); and
 4. Licensed master social workers (LMSWs).
- B. The Medicaid program shall provide coverage for, and payment to, licensed mental health practitioners for mental health and therapeutic services rendered to individuals, 21 years of age and older, with behavioral health disorders who meet Medicaid eligibility and clinical criteria. These services shall be necessary to reduce the disability resulting from mental illness and to restore the individual to their best possible functioning level in the community. Any licensed practitioner providing behavioral health services shall operate within the scope of practice of their license.

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C. Provider Responsibilities:

1. All mental health services delivered must be medically necessary and authorized. The medical necessity shall be determined by an LMHP or physician who is acting within the scope of their professional practice license and applicable state laws and regulations.
2. Evidence-based practices require fidelity reviews on an ongoing basis as determined necessary by the Department.
3. PLPCs, PLMFTs, and LMSWs shall be supervised in accordance with requirements established by the practitioner's professional licensing board.
4. Licensed practitioners may render services at a facility, in the community, or in the individual's place of residence as outlined in the treatment plan. Services may be furnished in a nursing facility only in accordance with policies and procedures issued by the Department. Services shall not be provided at an institute for mental disease (IMD).