

**To:** AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Behavioral Health Services Providers

**Date:** June 8, 2018

**Subject:** Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Facility Need Review (FNR) requirements for Community Psychiatric Support and Treatment (CPST) and Psycho-Social Rehab (PSR) providers

**Summary:** Effective February 20, 2018, LDH implemented an FNR process for CPST and PSR providers.

#### What is an FNR?

An FNR is a review that LDH conducts on specific provider types to determine whether there is a need for additional providers to be licensed and/or enrolled to participate in the Medicaid Program.

#### What does this mean for you?

All new CPST and PSR providers, as well as those with incomplete applications currently in process, must receive FNR approval before the LDH Health Standards Section will process the application for initial licensure.

This requirement also applies to all currently licensed providers who wish to:

1. re-locate their current CPST or PSR practice,
2. change ownership of their current CPST or PSR practice,
3. add CPST or PSR services, or
4. add another CPST or PSR site outside of their current service area.

In other words, all behavioral health service providers (current and new) requesting to provide CPST and/or PSR services will be required to go through the FNR process **unless they are only adding an offsite to your current service area.**

The LDH Facility Needs Review committee will review and determine access needs. There is a fee associated with the application. Once LDH FNR is completed and a provider is approved to proceed, the provider will then need to submit a contracting request to AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana.

#### Questions:

Please contact LDH at 1-225-342-5457 if you have any questions regarding the FNR process or visit the Facility Need Review section of the LDH website at <http://ldh.la.gov> > Health Standards > Programs > Facility Need Review.