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**To: AmeriHealth Caritas Louisiana Providers**

**Date: November 19, 2021**

**Subject: Acts 204 and 433: Providers of Psychosocial Rehabilitation (PSR) Services**

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Senate Bill No. 108 was passed by the Legislature and was signed by Governor John Bel Edwards, with an effective date of January 1, 2022, as Act 204. Senate Bill No. 127 was also passed and was signed by the Governor, with an effective date of August 1, 2021, as Act 433.

These laws affect behavioral health services providers (BHSP), who provide psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR) services to Medicaid recipients. More specifically, it changed regulations regarding requirements for individuals providing services within licensed and accredited agencies.

The staff qualification requirements in both Acts 204 and 433 required federal approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) via revisions to Louisiana's Medicaid State Plan. CMS approved the revisions with an effective date of **January 1, 2022**.

**Providers should prepare now to ensure compliance with these requirements in advance of the January 1, 2022 effective date.**

## Staff Qualifications

In order to be eligible to receive Medicaid reimbursement, BHSPs must ensure each individual staff rendering PSR services for the licensed and accredited provider agency meets specific educational qualifications.

Effective January 1, 2022, individuals currently rendering PSR services must meet the following requirement.

### **PSR**

Have a minimum of 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

Have a minimum of a bachelor's degree from an accredited university or college with a minor in counseling, social work, sociology, or psychology; or

Be 21 years of age or older as of January 1, 2022, have a high school diploma or equivalency, and have been continuously employed and rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited agency since prior to January 1, 2019.

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