

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**11/10/2023 PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RHODE ISLAND MEDICAID
STATE PLAN**

In accordance Rhode Island General Laws 42-35, notice is hereby given that the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) proposes to make the following amendment to the Rhode Island State Plan under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Clinician's Services

EOHHS is seeking approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to update Rhode Island's Medicaid State Plan to make services provided by certified school psychologists eligible for Medicaid reimbursement as directed by the Rhode Island Legislature. Additionally, the following clinician's services already eligible for Medicaid reimbursement are being added to the clinician's services page: Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate, Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate.

These changes are proposed to take effect on October 1, 2023 and are not expected to have a fiscal impact on the state budget.

This proposed amendment is accessible on the EOHHS website (www.eohhs.ri.gov) or available in hard copy upon request (401-462-2407 or RI Relay, dial 711). Interested persons should submit data, views, or written comments by December 10, 2023 to Brittany Church, Executive Office of Health and Human Services, 3 West Rd, Cranston, RI, 02920, or Brittany.Church@ohhs.ri.gov or via phone at (401) 462-2407.

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws 42-35-2.8, an oral hearing will be granted on the proposed State Plan Amendment if requested by twenty-five (25) persons, an agency, or by an association having at least twenty-five (25) members. A request for an oral hearing must be made within ten (10) days of this notice.

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**Original signed by Richard Charest, Secretary, Rhode Island Executive Office of Health
and Human Services**

Signed this 10th day of November, 2023

13D. Rehabilitative Services (cont.)

Clinician's Services

Definition:

Clinician's Services refer to services rendered to eligible recipients with mental or emotional disorders. Services include, but are not limited to, assessment and evaluation, psychological and neuropsychological assessment and evaluation, individual, and group therapy, medication treatment and review, according to the clinician's scope of practice. With the exception of medication treatment and review, clinician's services do not include those services that are part of another community mental health service, such as psychiatric rehabilitation program components, crisis intervention services, or services defined as case management under the case management option of the state plan.

Provider Qualifications:

Services are reimbursable in accordance with a treatment plan approved by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts. A licensed practitioner of the healing arts is defined as a:

1. Physician
2. Licensed Psychologist
3. Registered Nurse licensed to practice under Rhode Island State Law
4. Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW).
5. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)
6. Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)
7. Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
8. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Associate (LMFTA)
9. Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate (LMHCA)
- ~~6~~10. School Psychologists certified by the Rhode Island Department of Education