

Title 46
PROFESSIONAL AND
OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 1. General

**Subchapter M. Medical
Psychologists Fees**

§231. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter prescribe the fees and costs applicable to licensing and certification of medical psychologists.

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§233. Licenses, Certificates, Permits

A. For processing an application for licensure as a medical psychologist, a fee of \$250 shall be payable to the board.

B. For processing an application for certification of the advanced practice of medical psychology, a fee of \$150 shall be payable to the board.

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§235. Annual Renewal

A. For processing a medical psychologist's annual renewal of license, a fee of \$200 shall be payable to the board.

B. For processing a medical psychologist's annual renewal of a certificate of advanced practice, a fee of \$100 shall be payable to the board.

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Part XLV. Medical Professions

**Subpart 2. Licensure and
Certification**

**Chapter 39. Medical
Psychologists**

**Subchapter A. General
Provisions**

§3901. Scope of Chapter and Definitions

A. The rules of this Chapter govern the licensing and certification of medical psychologists in the state of Louisiana.

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§3903. Definitions

A. As used in this Chapter, the following terms and phrases shall have the meanings specified.

Applicant—an individual who has applied to the board for a license as a medical psychologist or a certificate of advanced practice.

Approved—as applied to an examination, school, college, university, institution, organization, program, curriculum, course of study or continuing professional education, shall mean affirmatively recognized and sanctioned by the board in accordance with this Chapter.

Board—the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, as constituted in R.S. 37:1263.

Bona-Fide Medication Sample—a medication, other than a controlled substance, packaged by the original manufacturer thereof in such quantity as does not exceed a reasonable therapeutic dosage and provided at no cost to a medical psychologist for administration or distribution to a patient at no cost to the patient.

Certificate of Advanced Practice or Certificate or Certification—the board's official recognition of a medical psychologist's lawful authority to engage in advanced practice of medical psychology as provided by R.S. 37:1360.57 and Subpart 3 of these rules.

Collaborating Physician—a [licensed Louisiana physician practicing in Louisiana](#) who consults and/or collaborates with a medical psychologist.

Concurrence or Concur—a [primary care provider](#) ~~physician~~'s agreement to a plan for psychopharmacological management of a patient based on prior discussion with a medical psychologist.

Consultation and Collaboration with a MP or Consult and/or Collaborate—that practice in which a [primary care provider](#) ~~physician~~ discusses and, if deemed appropriate, concurs in a medical psychologist's plan for psychopharmacologic management of ~~the primary care provider's patient for whom the physician is the primary or attending physician.~~

Controlled Substance—any substance defined, enumerated, or included in federal or state statute or regulations 21 C.F.R. 1308.11-15 or R.S. 40:964, or any substance which may hereafter be designated as a controlled substance by amendment or supplementation of such regulations or statute.

Discussion—a communication between a [primary care provider](#) ~~physician~~ and a medical psychologist conducted in person, by telephone, in writing or by some other appropriate means.

Drug—shall mean the same as the term “drug” as defined in R.S. 40:961(16), including controlled substances except narcotics, but shall be limited to only those agents related to the diagnosis and treatment or management of mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse or cognitive disorders.

Good Moral Character—as applied to an applicant, means that:

a. the applicant has not, prior to or during the pendency of an application to the board, been guilty of any act, omission, condition, or circumstance which would provide legal cause under R.S. 37:1360.67 for the suspension or revocation of a license or certificate;

b. the applicant has not, prior to or in connection with the application, made any representation to the board, knowingly or unknowingly, which is in fact false or misleading as to a material fact or omits to state any fact or matter that is material to the application; or

c. the applicant has not made any representation or failed to make a representation or engaged in any act or omission which is false, deceptive, fraudulent, or misleading in achieving or obtaining any of the qualifications for a license or certificate required by this Chapter.

LAMP—the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists.

LSBEP—the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, as constituted in R.S. 37:2353.

Medication—is synonymous with *drug*, as defined herein.

Medical Psychologist or *MP*—a psychological practitioner who has undergone specialized training in clinical psychopharmacology and has passed a national proficiency examination in psychopharmacology approved by the board. Such practice includes the authority to administer and prescribe drugs and distribute *bona-fide* medication samples, as defined in this Section.

Medical Psychology—that profession of the health sciences which deals with the examination, diagnosis, psychological, pharmacologic and other somatic treatment and/or management of mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse or cognitive disorders, and specifically includes the authority to administer, and prescribe drugs and distribute *bona-fide* medication samples as defined in this Section. In addition, the practice of medical psychology includes those practices as defined in R.S. 37:2352(5).

Medical Psychology Advisory Committee or *Committee*—a committee to the board constituted under R.S. 37:1360.63.

Medical Psychology Practice Act or *MP Act*—Acts 2009, No. 251, R.S. 37:1360.51-1360.72.

Mental, Nervous, Emotional, Behavioral, Substance Abuse and Cognitive Disorders—those disorders, illnesses or diseases listed in either the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association or the mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse and cognitive disorders listed in the International Classification of Diseases published by the World Health Organization.

Narcotics—natural and synthetic opioid analgesics and their derivatives used to relieve pain.

[Nurse- a licensed practical nurse or a registered nurse.](#)

[Nurse Practitioner- the same as the term “nurse practitioner” is defined in R.S. 37:913.](#)

Physician—an individual licensed by the board to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana as evidenced by a current license duly issued by the board.

Physician Assistant—the same as the term “physician assistant” is defined in R.S. 37:1360.22.

Primary Care—routine healthcare services, including screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment for promotion of health, and detection and management of disease or injury.

Primary Care Provider—the principal, treating, or attending physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner responsible for a patient's primary care.

Primary or Attending Physician—a physician who has an active clinical relationship with a patient and is principally responsible for the health care needs of the patient, or currently attending to the health care needs of the patient, or considered by the patient to be his or her primary or attending physician.

Psychopharmacologic Management—the treatment and/or management of the mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse and cognitive disorders with medication.

State—any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

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Subchapter B. Requirements and Qualifications for License

§3905. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter prescribe the requirements, qualifications and conditions for licensure as a medical psychologist in this state.

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§3907. Qualifications for License

A. To be eligible for a license to practice as a medical psychologist an applicant shall:

1. possess a current, unrestricted license in good standing to practice psychology duly issued by the LSBEP;

2. be a citizen of the United States or possess valid and current legal authority to reside and work in the United States duly issued by the Commissioner of

the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States under and pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163) and the Commissioner's regulations thereunder (8 CFR);

3. be of good moral character as defined by Section 3903A of these rules;

4. possess approved certification in Basic Life Support (BLS);

5. possess:

a. a post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology conferred by a regionally accredited institution approved by the board; or

b. equivalent training to a post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology approved by the board;

6. have within the past 3 years, in conformity with the restrictions and limitations prescribed by this Chapter, taken and passed a national examination in psychopharmacology approved by the board; ~~and~~

7. have successfully completed at least three years of clinical experience as a licensed psychologist; and

~~78.~~ not be otherwise disqualified by any ground for denying a license provided by the MP Act or these rules.

B. The burden of satisfying the board as to the qualifications and eligibility of an applicant for licensure shall be upon the applicant. An applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such qualifications in the manner prescribed by and to the satisfaction of the board.

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~~§3909. Alternative Qualifications for License~~

~~A. Provided application is made within 12 months of the effective date of these rules, an individual who desires to be licensed as a MP may qualify for licensure pursuant to R.S. 37:1360.55A without compliance with the requirements prescribed by Section 3907, upon submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant possessed all of the following as of January 1, 2010:~~

~~1. an unrestricted license in good standing to practice psychology issued by the LSBEP;~~

~~2. an unrestricted certificate of prescriptive authority issued by the LSBEP;~~

~~3. a controlled substance permit duly issued by the Louisiana State Board of Pharmacy;~~

~~4. a controlled substance registration duly issued by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration; and~~

~~5. as of the date of application, not be otherwise disqualified by any ground for denying a license provided by the MP Act or these rules.~~

~~B. The alternative qualification provided by this Section shall expire and become null, void and to no effect 12 months and 1 day following the effective date of these rules.~~

~~C. The burden of satisfying the board as to the qualifications and eligibility of an applicant for licensure shall be upon the applicant. An applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such qualifications in the manner prescribed by and to the satisfaction of the board.~~

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§3911. Qualifications for Certificate of Advanced Practice

A. To be eligible for a certificate of advanced practice an applicant shall, as of the date of application to the board, have:

1. a current, unrestricted license as a MP duly issued by the board and not be the subject of an investigation or pending disciplinary proceeding by the board;

2. practiced as a MP for at least three of the past four years.~~under the alternative qualification provided in Section 3909 of this Chapter, such experience shall be deemed to have commenced on the date that the applicant's initial certificate of prescriptive authority was issued by the LSBPE;~~

3. as a MP, treated at least one hundred patients which demonstrate the competence of the medical psychologist involving ~~Of this number at least 25 shall have involved the use of major psychotropics~~ range of psychotropic medications, including but not limited to antipsychotics, antidepressants, psychostimulants, mood stabilizers, anxiolytics, and hypnotics ~~and at least 25 shall have involved the use of major antidepressants;~~

4. received the written recommendation of two collaborating physicians who hold a current, unrestricted license to practice medicine in this state duly issued by the board, who are familiar with the applicant's competence to practice medical psychology;

5. received a favorable recommendation from the committee; and

6. completed a minimum of one hundred hours of continuing medical education relating to the use of medications in the management of patients with psychiatric illnesses, commencing with the issuance of the MP license by the Board.:

a. each individual CME activity must be at least one hour in CME credits ~~initial issuance of a certificate of prescriptive authority by the LSBPE if prior to January 1, 2010; or and~~

b. the date the MP is licensed by the board after January 1, 2010 at least 25% of the CME hours must be earned through live, on-site attendance at a workshop, conference, or similar activity.

B. The burden of satisfying the board as to the qualifications and eligibility of an applicant for certification shall be upon the applicant. An applicant shall not be deemed to possess such qualifications unless the applicant demonstrates and evidences such qualifications in the manner prescribed by and to the satisfaction of the board.

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Subchapter C. Application

§3913. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter govern the procedures and requirements for application to the board for a license to practice medical psychology.

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§3915. Application Procedure

A. Application must be made and submitted in a format approved by the board and shall include:

1. proof, documented in a form satisfactory to the board, that the applicant possesses the qualifications set forth in this Chapter, along with a recent photograph;

2. certification of the truthfulness and authenticity of all information, representations and documents contained in or submitted with the completed application;

3. criminal history record information;

4. payment of the fee provided in Chapter 1 of these rules; and

5. such other information and documentation as the board may require.

B. Upon submission of a completed application a personal interview with a member of the board or a designee may be required as a condition of licensure when:

1. discrepancies exist in an initial application;

2. an applicant has been the subject of prior adverse action in any jurisdiction; or

3. the board has questions respecting an application response.

C. The recommendation of the board member or designee as to the applicant's fitness for licensure shall be made a part of the applicant's file.

D. The board may reject or refuse to consider an application which is not complete in every detail. The board may in its discretion require a more detailed or complete response to any request for information set forth in the application as a condition to application consideration.

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§3917. Effect of Application

A. The submission of an application for licensure to the board shall constitute and operate as an authorization by the applicant to each educational institution at which the applicant has matriculated, each state or federal agency to which the applicant has applied for any license, permit, certificate, or registration, each person, firm, corporation, clinic, office, or institution by whom or with whom the applicant has been employed in the practice of psychology or medical psychology, each physician or other health care practitioner whom the applicant has consulted or seen for diagnosis or treatment and each professional organization or specialty board to which the applicant has applied for membership, to disclose and release to the board any and all information and documentation concerning the applicant which the board deems material to consideration of the

application. With respect to any such information or documentation, the submission of an application for licensing to the board shall equally constitute and operate as a consent by the applicant to disclosure and release of such information and documentation and as a waiver by the applicant of any privilege or right of confidentiality which the applicant would otherwise possess with respect thereto.

B. By submission of an application for licensure to the board an applicant shall be deemed to have given his consent to submit to physical or mental examinations if, when, and in the manner so directed by the board and to waive all objections as to the admissibility or disclosure of findings, reports, or recommendations pertaining thereto on the grounds of privileges provided by law. The expense of any such examination shall be borne by the applicant.

C. The submission of an application for licensure to the board shall constitute and operate as an authorization and consent by the applicant to the board to disclose and release any information or documentation set forth in or submitted with the applicant's application or obtained by the board from other persons, firms, corporations, associations, or governmental entities pursuant to this Section to any person, firm, corporation, association, or governmental entity having a lawful, legitimate, and reasonable need therefore including, without limitation, the psychology or medical psychology licensing authority of any state; the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration; the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; the Department of Health and Hospitals; federal, state, county, parish and municipal health and law enforcement agencies; and the Armed Services.

D. The board, acting through its president or a member designated by the president, may approve the issuance of any directive or order to carry out the provisions of Subsection B of this Section.

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Subchapter D. Board Approval of Schools, Colleges, Universities, or Institutions

§3919. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter prescribe the requirements for board approval of a school, college, university or institution for the purpose of assessing qualifications for medical psychology licensure.

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§3921. Applicability of Approval

A. Successful completion of a post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology from a regional ~~ly~~ accredited institution approved by the board is among the educational qualifications required for MP licensure.

B. The completion of training approved by the board that is equivalent to a post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology is an alternative educational qualification for MP licensure.

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§3923. Approval of Schools and Colleges

A. A school, college, university or institution shall be concurrently considered approved by the board for purposes of qualification under this Chapter provided it:

1. is accredited by one of the six regional bodies recognized by the United States Department of Education's Council on Postsecondary Accreditation;

2. has achieved the highest level of accreditation or approval awarded by statutory authorities of the state in which the school or college is located;

3. offers a full-time post-doctoral master's program in clinical psychopharmacology that:

a. includes curriculum instruction in each of the following areas:

- i. anatomy and physiology;
- ii. biochemistry;
- iii. neurosciences to include neuroanatomy, neuropathology, neurophysiology, neurochemistry and neuroimaging;
- iv. pharmacology;
- v. psychopharmacology;
- vi. clinical medicine/pathophysiology; and
- vii. health assessment, including relevant physical and laboratory assessment; and

b. provides opportunity to review, present and discuss each of the following:

i. case examples representing a broad range of clinical psychopathologies;

ii. medical conditions presenting as psychiatric illness;

iii. treatment complexities, including complicating medical conditions, diagnostic questions, choice of medications, and untoward side effects;

iv. compliance problems; and

v. alternative treatments and treatment failures.

B. Board approval of a school, college, university or institution shall be deemed to be effective as to an applicant if such school, college, university or institution was approved as of the date on which the applicant's post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology was awarded.

C. Subject to Section 3925 of these rules, a school, college, university or institution accepted by the ~~LSBPE~~ LSBEP for MP prescriptive authority on or before January 1, 2010, shall be considered approved by the board for purposes of qualification under this Chapter.

D. For the purposes of this Chapter, equivalent training to the post-doctoral master's degree provided in R.S. 37:1360.55B.(2) is defined as the successful completion of the Department of Defense Psychopharmacology Demonstration Project (DOD-PDP), or a similar program developed and operated under the auspices of any branch of the United States armed services and approved by the board.

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§3925. Withdrawal of Approval

A. Notwithstanding current or prior approval pursuant to this Subchapter or by individual determination, the board's approval of any school, college, university or institution may be withdrawn at any time upon its affirmative finding that such school, college, university or institution does not possess the qualifications for approval specified by this Subchapter or by the MP Act.

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Subchapter E. Examination

§3927. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter designate the examination, passing score, restrictions, limitations and exceptions applicable to medical psychologist licensure in this state.

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§3929. Designation of Examination

A. The MP licensing examination approved and accepted by the board, pursuant to R.S. 37:1360.55B(3), is the Psychopharmacology Examination for Psychologists (PEP), developed by the American Psychological Association practice organization's College of Professional Psychology and its contractor, the Professional Examination Service, or their successor(s) organizations.

B. The PEP or such other examination as the board may approve shall:

1. be taken after the successful completion of the post-doctoral master's program in clinical psychopharmacology; and

2. not less than three years prior to the date of MP application.

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§3931. Passing Score

A. An applicant will be deemed to have successfully passed the examination upon attaining a score equivalent to the passing score required by the PEP and its contractor, the Professional Examination Service, or their successor(s) organizations.

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§3933. Restriction, Limitations on Examinations

A. Applicants shall be required to authorize the PEP and the Professional Examination Service to release their testing scores to the board each time the applicant-examinee attempts the examination according to the procedures for such notification established by the PEP.

B. An applicant having failed to attain a passing score upon taking the examination four times shall not thereafter be considered for licensure.

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Subchapter F. Licensure Issuance, Termination, Renewal, Reinstatement

§3935. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter prescribe the requirements applicable to issuance, termination, renewal and reinstatement of a license to practice medical psychology in this state.

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§3937. Issuance of Licensure; Certificate of Advanced Practice

A. If the qualifications, requirements, and procedures set forth in this Chapter are met to its satisfaction the board shall issue a license to the applicant to engage in the practice of medical psychology in this state.

B. If the qualifications, requirements, and procedures set forth in this Chapter are met to its satisfaction the board shall issue a certificate of advanced practice to the applicant to engage in the advanced practice of medical psychology in this state.

C. A license or certificate issued under this Chapter shall designate the applicant's status with respect to advanced practice.

D. Every MP is responsible for updating the board within 15 days should any of the required contact information submitted with an application change after license or certificate issuance.

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§3939. Expiration of License, Certificate

A. Every license or certificate issued under this Chapter shall expire and thereby become null, void and to no effect the following year on the last day of June.

B. The timely submission of a properly completed application for renewal of a license shall operate to continue an expiring license, and if applicable a certificate of advanced practice, in full force and effect pending renewal.

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§3941. Renewal of License, Certificate

A. Every license or certificate issued by the board shall be renewed annually on or before the last day of June by submitting to the board a properly completed renewal application, ~~in a format specified by the board,~~ together with the renewal fee prescribed by Chapter 1 of these rules and documentation of [the following to the board's designated electronic education tracker \(EET\)](#):

1. satisfaction of the continuing professional education requirement prescribed by this Chapter; and
2. maintenance of basic life support.

B. Possession of a current, unrestricted license to practice psychology duly issued by the ~~LSBPE~~ is a requirement for initial licensure as a medical psychologist under this Chapter but shall not be required by the board for license renewal.

[C. Newly licensed medical psychologists must successfully pass the Medical Psychology Law and Rules examination prior to their first license renewal date.](#)

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§3943. Reinstatement of Expired License or Certificate

A. A license or certificate that has expired without renewal may be reinstated by the board provided that application is made within two years of the date of expiration.

B. A MP whose license and/or certificate has expired for a period in excess of two years or who is otherwise ineligible for reinstatement under this Section may apply to the board for an initial original license or certificate pursuant to these rules.

C. An applicant seeking reinstatement more than one but less than two years from the date on which his or her license or certificate expired shall demonstrate, as a condition of reinstatement, satisfaction of the

continuing professional education required by these rules for each year since the date of the license expiration. As additional conditions of reinstatement the board may require that the applicant:

1. complete a statistical affidavit and provide a recent photograph;
2. take and successfully pass:
 - a. all or a designated portion of the national examination required for licensure under this Chapter;
 - b. a written certification or recertification examination acceptable to the board; and/or
 - c. demonstrate clinical competency by successfully completing a program designated by the board, following consultation with the committee, and any recommended remediation.

D. An applicant whose license to practice psychology or medical psychology has been revoked, suspended or placed on probation by the licensing authority of any state or who has voluntarily or involuntarily surrendered his or her license to practice psychology or medical psychology in consideration of the dismissal or discontinuance of pending or threatened administrative or criminal charges following the date on which his or her license to practice as a MP in Louisiana expired, shall be deemed ineligible for license reinstatement.

E. An application for reinstatement of a license or certificate meeting the requirements and conditions of this Chapter may nonetheless be denied for any of the causes for which an application for original licensure or certification may be refused by the board pursuant to R.S. 37:1360.67 or for violation of these rules.

F. An application for reinstatement shall be made in a format supplied by the board together with the applicable fees and costs for license and/or certificate renewal under Chapter 1 of these rules, plus a penalty computed as follows.

1. If the application is made less than one year from the date of expiration, the penalty shall be equal to the renewal fee of the license and, if applicable, the certificate.
2. If the application is made more than one but less than two years from the date of expiration, the penalty shall be equal to twice the renewal fee of the license and, if applicable, the certificate.

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Subchapter G. Medical Psychology Advisory Committee

§3945. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter identify the constitution, functions and responsibilities of the medical psychology advisory committee to the board.

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§3947. Constitution, Function and Responsibilities of Advisory Committee

A. The board shall constitute and appoint a Medical Psychology Advisory Committee which shall be organized and function in accordance with the MP Act and these rules.

B. Composition. The committee shall be comprised of five members, consisting of:

1. one physician selected from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical Society, and recommended by Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association and LAMP, who is certified in the specialty of psychiatry by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association; and

2. four medical psychologists selected by the board from a list of names recommended by LAMP.

C. Appointment. Each member, to be eligible for and prior to appointment to the committee, shall have maintained residency and a current and unrestricted license or certificate to practice their respective professions in the state of Louisiana for not less than two years.

D. Term of Service. Each member of the committee shall serve for a term of four years, or until a successor is appointed and shall be eligible for reappointment. Committee members serve at the pleasure of the board. Committee members may be reappointed to two additional terms of four years with the length of the terms to be staggered after the first term.

E. Functions of the Committee. The Committee will provide the Board with recommendations relating to the following matters:

1. applications for licensure and for certificates of advanced practice (initial and renewal);

2. educational requirements for licensure and for certificates of advanced practice (initial and renewal);

3. changes in related statutes and rules; and

4. other activities as might be requested by the board.

F. Committee Meetings, Officers. The committee shall meet at least twice each calendar year, or more frequently as may be deemed necessary by a quorum of the committee or by the board. Three members of the committee constitute a quorum. The committee shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary. The chair, or in the absence or unavailability of the chair, the vice-chair, shall call, designate the date, time, and place of, and preside at all meetings of the committee. The secretary shall record or cause to be recorded accurate and complete written minutes of all meetings of the committee and shall cause copies of the same to be provided to the board.

G. Confidentiality. In discharging the functions authorized under this Section, the committee and the individual members thereof shall, when acting within the scope of such authority, be deemed agents of the board. Committee members are prohibited from communicating, disclosing, or in any way releasing to anyone other than the board, any confidential information or documents obtained when acting as the agents of the board without first obtaining the written authorization of the board.

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Subchapter H. Continuing Education

§3949. Scope of Subchapter

A. The rules of this Subchapter provide standards for the continuing professional education required for annual renewal of a license to practice as a medical psychologist, and prescribe procedures applicable to satisfaction and documentation thereof.

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§3951. Continuing Education Requirement

A. To be eligible for license renewal a MP shall evidence and document in a format specified by the

board the successful completion of 35 hours of approved continuing professional education that includes:

1. not less than 20 hours of continuing medical education relevant to the practice of medical psychology; and

2. not less than fifteen hours of continuing education in psychology.

B. A minimum of 25 percent of the continuing medical education required by this Section shall be provided by LAMP.

C. At least two hours required by this Section shall be devoted to ethics relevant to the practice of medical psychology. [Successful completion of the LSBME Law and Rules of Medical Psychology Examination satisfies this requirement.](#)

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§3953. Qualifying Programs and Activities

A. To be acceptable as qualified continuing professional education under these rules, an activity or program must have significant intellectual or practical content, dealing primarily with matters related to medical psychology or psychology, and its primary objective must be to maintain or increase the participant's competence as a MP.

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§3955. Approval of Program Sponsors

A. Any category 1 education program, course, seminar or activity offered or sponsored by the organizations set forth in this Section shall presumptively be deemed approved by the board for purposes of qualifying as an approved continuing professional education.

B. Approved sponsors of continuing medical education for practitioners licensed under this Part shall include the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists, the Louisiana State Medical Society, the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association, the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Office of Behavioral Health or its successor, sponsors accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education approved to offer category 1 educational activities, and other sponsors as may be approved by the board.

C. Approved sponsors for continuing education in psychology shall include the Louisiana Psychological Association, the American Psychological Association, the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists, the state of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Behavioral Health or its successor, and other sponsors as may be approved by the board.

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§3957. Documentation Procedure

A. A format or method specified by the board for documenting and certifying completion of continuing professional education shall be completed by licensees and returned with an annual renewal application.

B. Any certification of continuing professional education activities not presumptively approved or preapproved in writing by the board pursuant to these rules shall be referred to the committee for its evaluation and recommendations. If the committee determines that an activity certified by an applicant for renewal in satisfaction of continuing education requirements does not qualify for recognition by the board or does not qualify for the number of continuing education units claimed by the applicant, the board shall give notice of such determination to the applicant for renewal. The board's decision with respect to approval and recognition of any such activity shall be final.

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§3959. Failure to Satisfy Continuing Education Requirements

A. An applicant for license renewal who fails to evidence satisfaction of the continuing professional education requirements shall be given written notice of such failure by the board. The license of the applicant shall remain in full force and effect for a period of 60 days following the mailing of such notice, following which it shall be deemed expired, unrenewed, and subject to revocation without further notice, unless the applicant shall have, within such 60 days, furnished the board satisfactory evidence, by affidavit, that:

1. applicant has satisfied the applicable continuing professional education requirements; or

2. applicant's failure to satisfy the continuing professional education requirements was occasioned

by disability, illness, or other good cause as may be determined by the board.

B. The license of a MP whose license has expired by nonrenewal or been revoked for failure to satisfy the continuing education requirements of these rules may be reinstated by the board within the time and in accordance with the procedures for reinstatement provided by these rules.

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§3961. Waiver of Requirements

A. The board may, in its discretion, waive all or part of the continuing professional education required by these rules in favor of a MP who makes written request for such waiver and evidences to the satisfaction of the board a permanent physical disability, illness, financial hardship, or other similar extenuating circumstances precluding the MP's satisfaction of the continuing professional education requirements.

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Part XLV. Medical Professions

Subpart 3. Practice

Chapter 61. Medical Psychologists

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§6101. Scope of Chapter

A. The rules of this Chapter govern the practice of medical psychologists in the state of Louisiana.

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Subchapter B. Necessity for License, Exemptions

§6103. Necessity for License

A. No person shall engage in the practice of medical psychology in the state of Louisiana, or identify or hold himself or herself out as such, nor use in connection with his or her name the words "medical psychologists" or the letters "MP" or any other words, letters, abbreviations, insignia, or signs tending to indicate or imply that the person is a medical psychologist, unless he or she is currently licensed by the board as a medical psychologist.

B. No person shall engage in the advanced practice of medical psychology as defined in the MP Act or these rules in this state in the absence of a current certificate of advanced practice issued by the board.

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§6105. Exemptions

A. The provisions of this Chapter shall not prevent, restrict the practice, services, or activities of any individual:

1. licensed by other laws in this state from engaging in the profession or occupation for which he or she is licensed; or

2. employed as a medical psychologist by the United States government when practicing solely under the direction or control of the United States government agency by which he or she is employed.

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Subchapter C. Ethical Guidelines, Authority, Limitations and Standards of Practice

§6107. Scope of Subchapter

A. This Subchapter provides the ethical guidelines, authority, limitations and standards of practice of individuals licensed to practice medical psychology in the state of Louisiana.

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§6109. Ethical Guidelines

A. A medical psychologist shall, in the practice of medical psychology, observe and abide by the code of ethics of the American Medical Association and American Psychological Association.

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§6111. Authority of Practice

A. An individual currently licensed by the board as a medical psychologist is authorized to:

1. order, administer, and prescribe or distribute without charge drugs recognized as customarily used for the management of mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse and cognitive diseases or disorders; and

2. order and interpret routine laboratory studies and other medical diagnostic procedures, as necessary for adequate pretreatment health screening, diagnosis of mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse and cognitive disorders and treatment maintenance, including those necessary for the monitoring of potential side effects associated with medications prescribed by the MP.

B. An individual currently certified for advanced practice by the board is authorized to engage in the advanced practice of medical psychology as defined by the MP Act and these rules.

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§6113. Limitations of Practice

A. A medical psychologist shall not:

1. order, administer, prescribe or distribute drugs that are not customarily used for the management of mental, nervous, emotional, behavioral, substance abuse and cognitive diseases or disorders;

2. order, administer, prescribe or distribute narcotics, as defined in this Part;

3. utilize controlled substances for the treatment of non-cancer related chronic or intractable pain, as set forth in §§6915-6923 of the board's rules or for the

treatment of obesity, as set forth in §§6901-6913 of the board's rules;

4. prescribe medications outside his or her areas of competency consistent with his or her training and experience as defined by the board;

5. delegate the administration, prescription, or distribution of a drug to any other individual;

6. engage in practice beyond the authority conferred by license or certificate approved by the board; or

7. employ a physician or enter into an independent contractor or similar contractual or financial relationship with a physician with whom he or she consults or collaborates. The board may grant an exception to this requirement on a case-by-case basis where it has been shown to its satisfaction that such relationship is structured so as to prohibit interference with the physician's relationship with patients, his or her exercise of independent medical judgment and satisfaction of the obligations and responsibilities imposed by law and the board's rules on a physician.

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§6115. Standards for Prescribing by Medical Psychologists without a Certificate of Advanced Practice

A. When a medical psychologist consults with a primary care provider other than a physician, the medical psychologist shall include the supervising or collaborating physician consultations, collaborations, notices, updates, or summaries that may be required. ~~Medical psychologists shall prescribe only in consultation and collaboration with the patient's primary or attending physician, and with the concurrence of that physician.~~

B. The medical psychologist shall also re-consult with the patient's primary care provider ~~physician~~ prior to making changes in the patient's medication treatment protocol, as established with the primary care provider ~~physician~~, or as otherwise directed by the primary care provider ~~physician~~.

C. In the event that the primary care provider ~~primary or attending physician~~ does not concur with the psychopharmacologic treatment protocol planned by a MP, the MP shall defer to the medical judgment of the primary care provider ~~physician~~.

D. In the event a patient does not have a primary care provider~~primary or attending physician~~, the medical psychologist shall not prescribe for that patient.

E. Documentation of Primary Care Provider~~Physician~~ Consultation. When psychopharmacologic management of a patient is indicated, the initial plan shall include consultation with the patient's primary care provider~~primary or attending physician~~. The medical psychologist shall document the consultation with the primary care provider~~primary or attending physician~~ in the patient's medical record. Documentation shall include, but is not necessarily limited to:

1. patient authorization. In order to permit the necessary coordination of care for the patient, the MP shall obtain a release of information from the patient and/or the patient's legal guardian to contact the patient's primary care provider~~primary or attending physician~~ in all cases in which psychopharmacologic management is planned. If the patient or the patient's legal guardian declines to sign a release of information authorizing coordination of care with his or her primary care provider~~primary or attending physician~~, the MP shall inform the patient and/or the patient's legal guardian that he or she cannot treat the patient pharmacologically without such consultation;

2. patient identity. The primary care provider~~physician~~'s name; date of consultation; and contact information for the patient, primary care provider~~physician~~ and MP;

3. purpose. The purpose of consultation (e.g., new medication, change in medication, discontinuance of medication, adverse treatment effects, treatment failure, change in medical status, etc.);

4. psychological evaluation and diagnosis. If known, the psychological evaluation of the patient, including any relevant psychological history, laboratory or diagnostic studies and psychological diagnosis; and any other information the MP or primary care provider~~physician~~ deems necessary for the coordination of the care for patient;

5. medication. The specific drug(s) the MP plans to utilize, including the starting dosage and titration plan if any; frequency of use, the number of refills and anticipated duration of therapy; relevant indications and contraindications, any previously utilized psychopharmacologic therapy, and any alternatives;

6. treatment plan. The MP's treatment and/or management plan for the patient;

7. results of consultation. The results of the consultation (e.g., concurrence, deferring or denying medication recommended by the MP); medications ordered (e.g., generic or trade; starting dosage and titration plan, if any; number of refills; etc.) and any other information that might be necessary for the appropriate coordination of care for the patient (e.g., review of prior labs or diagnostic procedures; new labs or diagnostic procedures requested by the primary care provider~~physician~~, if any; etc.);

8. responsibilities. Any specific responsibilities of the MP and primary care provider~~physician~~ respecting the patient's care;

9. reporting. Any reporting and documentation requirements between the MP and the primary care provider~~physician~~ and/or a schedule by which such are to take place; and

10. immediate consultation. A plan to accommodate immediate consultation between the MP, primary care provider~~physician~~, and/or patient.

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§6117. Standards for Prescribing by Medical Psychologists Holding a Certificate of Advanced Practice

A. Patients receiving care from a medical psychologist who holds a certificate of advanced practice issued under this Part shall have an established ~~primary, attending or referring physician~~primary care provider licensed by the board who shall be responsible for the patient's overall medical care.

B. The ~~primary, attending or referring physician~~primary care provider shall evaluate the patient for medical conditions in accordance with customary practice standards, and as might be indicated based on the medications that the patient is receiving and/or risk factors that may be present. If the patient has been referred to a medical psychologist holding a certificate of advanced practice for the express purpose of evaluation and treatment to include drug management by the ~~primary, attending or referring physician~~primary care provider, this condition shall be considered met.

C. The medical psychologist shall provide the ~~primary, attending or referring physician~~primary care provider with a summary of the treatment planned at the initiation of treatment.

D. The medical psychologist shall provide the ~~primary, attending or referring physician~~ primary care provider with follow-up reports as may be dictated by the patient's condition.

E. The medical psychologist shall provide the patient's ~~primary, attending or referring physician~~ primary care provider with a summary of the patient's condition and treatment no less than annually.

F. The medical psychologist may treat common side effects of medications used in the treatment of mental illness as defined in this Chapter after consultation with the patient's ~~primary or attending physician~~ primary care provider and with the concurrence of that primary care provider ~~physician~~.

G. The requirements for Subsections C, D and E of this Section shall be considered satisfied if the medical psychologist provides the primary care provider ~~physician~~ with a copy of the initial examination and follow-up visit records or, in those instances in which the medical psychologist is providing services authorized under this Section in a hospital or clinic setting on referral of the primary care provider ~~attending or referring physician~~ on the medical staff of that hospital or clinic, the medical psychologist documents those services in the patient's medical record at that hospital or clinic.

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§6119. Informed Consent

A. In addition to the written release and authorization set forth in Section 6115.E, a MP shall ~~insure~~ ensure that each of his or her patients subject to consultation and collaboration with a primary care provider ~~physician~~ is informed:

1. of the relationship between the MP and ~~physician~~ primary care provider and the respective role of each with respect to the patient's psychopharmacologic management;

2. that he or she may decline to participate in such a practice and may withdraw at any time without terminating the MP-patient relationship;

3. of the MP's decision to withdraw from consultation and collaboration with a primary care provider ~~physician~~; and

4. by written disclosure, of any contractual or financial arrangement that may impact the MP's decision to engage in consultation and collaboration with a primary care provider ~~physician~~.

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Subchapter D. Grounds for Administrative Action

§6121. Causes for Administrative Action

A. The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or certificate, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or certificate issued under this Part, for violation of the board's rules relative to medical psychologists or for any of the causes set forth in MP Act, R.S. 37:1360.67A.

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