



The [Louisiana Department of Health](#) posted [Informational Bulletin 22–22](#) related to Act 503. Act 503 was the result of Governor John Bel Edwards signing Senate Bill 213. The law affects behavioral health service providers who provide community psychiatric support and treatment services or psychosocial rehabilitation services. The anticipated effective date for the changes is Jan. 1, 2023—pending the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare (CMS) approval.

According to Act 503, community psychiatric support and treatment services (CPST) means Medicaid mental health rehabilitation services designed to reduce disability from mental illness, restore functional skills of daily living, build natural supports and achieve identified person-centered goals or objectives through counseling, clinical psycho-education and ongoing monitoring needs as set forth in an individualized treatment plan.

Psychosocial rehabilitation services (PSR) means Medicaid mental health rehabilitation services designed to assist the individual with compensating for or eliminating functional deficits and interpersonal or environmental barriers associated with mental illness through skill building and supportive interventions to restore and rehabilitate social and interpersonal skills and daily living skills.

Any individual rendering the assessment and treatment planning components of CPST services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall be a fully licensed mental health professional.

Any individual rendering any of the other components of CPST services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall be a fully licensed mental health professional, a provisionally licensed professional counselor, a provisionally licensed marriage and family therapist, a licensed master social worker, a certified social worker or a psychology intern from an American Psychological Association approved internship program.

Any individual rendering PSR services for a licensed and accredited provider agency shall hold a minimum of one of the following: 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, criminal justice or human growth and development.

Additional guidance will be updated periodically as information becomes available.

### **Questions?**

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