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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE #18

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Dear Licensee,

For our eighteenth Weekly Wednesday Update, we continue to keep our eyes and ears open to news reports of increasing cases of COVID 19 in Louisiana and throughout specific regions of the state. On Tuesday, July 15, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards announced we would continue in Phase II of recovery at least until August 7, 2020. Therefore, we stay the course and encourage you to continue to stay vigilant when interacting with clients, patients, students, etc., by consulting and following all local, regional, state, and federal guidelines; staying up to date on information being published by the Louisiana Department of Health, Office of Public Health; and consulting with the American Psychological Association guidelines.

The following are the latest updates to LDH Bulletins:

- [Informational Bulletin 20-8](#): COVID-19 CARES Act Provider Funding Information (**Revised June 15, 2020**)
- [Informational Bulletin 20-7](#): COVID-19 SUD Telemedicine/Telehealth (**Revised June 18, 2020**)
- [Informational Bulletin 20-6](#): COVID-19 LMHP Telemedicine/Telehealth (**Revised June 18, 2020**)
- [Informational Bulletin 20-5](#): COVID-19 Provider Update (**Revised July 20, 2020**)
- [Informational Bulletin 20-4](#): COVID-19 MHR Telemedicine/Telehealth (**Revised June 18, 2020**)

We would like to again remind you that License Renewals will end on Friday, July 31, 2020. Please refer to [Weekly Wednesday Update #12 \(License Renewal Edition\) \(6/10/2020\)](#), published on June 10, 2020 for License Renewal Information and important provisions that will be applied this renewal season due to COVID-19. Also many of you have had questions about how to claim your CPD Exemption being offered due to COVID-19. Please refer to the **"Welcome"** page of the Renew Portal for this, as well as other information on renewing your license.

LSBEP again thanks Louisiana Psychologists for stepping up to the challenges in applying technology to deliver psychological services to their patients and clients safely, while respecting the health and well-being of their patients/clients, the people with whom they work, themselves, as well as the individuals who have no other choice but to be exposed to COVID19. Our Ethical Standards are established for the welfare and protection of the individuals and groups with whom psychologists work. Therefore, our charge is to think of others before ourselves and to consider all risks when determining how to provide vital care to our clients and patients. Emergency Orders and Proclamations from Federal, State and Local Governments impose stricter but necessary restrictions and guidelines impacting the delivery of psychological services for the time being. History will remember our actions or inactions at this time. Let us remember why we all chose this profession and be on the side of history that aligns with the health and well-being of all people.

Sincerely,

LSBEP Executive Committee

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- Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists: **Submit in writing to:** LSBEP, 4334 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd., #C-150, Baton Rouge, LA 70816; admin.lsbep@la.gov; (225)295-8410
- Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: **Submit to:** H&GA@legis.la.gov or Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives, PO Box 44486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225) 342-2403
- Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate: **Submit to:** s&g@legis.la.gov or Committee on Senate & Governmental Affairs; La Senate PO Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804; (225)342-9845

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