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### WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE #21

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Dear Licensee,

For our twenty-first Weekly Wednesday Update, we continue to keep our eyes and ears open to news related to COVID-19. We remain in Phase II of recovery per Governor John Bel Edwards Order issued on Tuesday, August 4, 2020. We would like to remind you that the Order issued by the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH), Office of Public Health ([LDH Order#2020-COVID-19-ALL-020](#)) remains in effect.

Please note the following updates from LDH and LSBEP:

1. **[LDH's Informational Bulletin 20-5](#)**: COVID-19 Provider Update was revised on August 10, 2020.
2. **[LSBEP's Tele-supervision Guidelines](#)**: In August 2019, the La State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board) began working on policies and procedures to allow a process to enable Licensed Psychologists to engage in Tele-supervision. In November 2019, guidelines were approved which would enable the Board to preapprove such supervisory relationship. However, as soon as this process was available, the COVID-19 pandemic hit and impacted our social, work and family units in ways that we had not imagined. The ability to easily transition to a model of Tele-supervision was timely given the work done on this process in the months preceding the pandemic. In an attempt to further assist licensees in responding to the changes that COVID-19 would bring on your practice, the Board voted to waive fees for the duration of the Stay-at-home Order. This waiver was subsequently extended many times and is currently waived through **August 31, 2020**.

As we continue in Phase II of reopening and continue to adjust to our *new normal*, the Board will resume the collection of fees for an [Application for Authorization to Provide Tele-supervision to Psychology Trainees/Unlicensed Assistants to Psychologists](#) on **September 1, 2020**. If you previously submitted an application to provide tele-supervision, you DO NOT need to resubmit for the same individual and time frame, the original dates listed will be recognized by the Board. However, should you submit a new application (new supervisees or dates) on or after September 1, 2020, a paper submission will be required with accompanying fee. Additionally, on July 17, 2020, the LSBEP reconsidered the fee schedule for this application and revised it from requiring \$25 per supervisee, to \$25 for the first supervisee, and \$10 for each supervisee thereafter, per application, per psychologist.

We continue to encourage you to stay vigilant and deliberate in adhering 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 when interacting with clients, patients, students, etc. Please refer to our website

homepage [WWW.LSBEP.ORG\HOME](http://WWW.LSBEP.ORG\HOME) for previously sent Weekly Wednesday Updates containing information and resources pertinent to your practice.

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**

Amy Henke, Psy.D., Chairperson

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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](mailto:admin.lsbep@la.gov); (225)295-8410
- Committee on House & Governmental Affairs, La. House of Representatives: **Submit to:** [H&GA@legis.la.gov](mailto: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](mailto: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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