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WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE #24

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Dear Licensee,

For our twenty-fourth Weekly Wednesday Update, we would like to reiterate the importance of prevention communicated in our last Weekly Wednesday Update #22 and encourage you to utilize the sources referenced therein for information on mandates and guidelines when providing in person care. We are wishing everyone the best in health and safety, especially those of you who have experienced and continue to experience the effects of Hurricane Laura.

We would like to make licensees aware of the recent LDH Bulletin regarding Hurricane Laura. This bulletin seeks to provide guidance to clinicians who provide Medicaid-based services. It can be found at:

https://ldh.la.gov/assets/docs/BayouHealth/Informational_Bulletins/2020/IB20-17.pdf

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

Gina Gibson, Ph.D., Vice Chairperson

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- 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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