

## FAQs: PLPCs and Working with LA Medicaid

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### **Who can bill Medicaid insurance (added by WQD)**

Chpt 56 Behavioral Health Service Providers, LDH establishes the licensing standards for behavioral health services (BHS) in Louisiana. Certain entities are exempt from the licensure requirement

§5601 Introduction

*E: The following entities shall be exempt from the licensure requirements for BHS Providers*

*9. an individual licensed mental health professional (LMHP) whether incorporated or unincorporated, or a group practice of LMHPs, providing services under the auspices and pursuant to the scope of the individual's license or group's license*

So a licensed provider or a provider employed with a group (also) licensed can provide BHS services to Medicaid clients. They use professional billing codes 90000 codes.

Common CPT codes for Psychological Services:

<https://psychcentral.com/lib/cpt-codes-for-psychology-services/>

Guide to Mental Health & CPT Codes:

<https://therathink.com/definitive-guide-to-mental-health-cpt-codes/>

### **Can PLPCs bill private insurance for mental/behavioral health services?**

Not at this time.

### **Can a PLPC bill insurance under another provider's license( added by WQD)?**

No

<https://thriveworks.com/blog/can-an-intern-counselor-bill-insurance-under-another-providers-license/>

### **Can PLPCs bill Medicaid for mental/behavioral health services?**

Yes, as an employee of a licensed BHS Provider

LDH has established the licensing standards for behavioral health services in Louisiana.

§5601 Introduction:

LDH can license the following providers:

1. Substance abuse/addiction treatment facilities
2. Mental health clinics
3. Any other entity that meets the definition of a BHS provider

There are several different BHS organization types where a PLPC can work.

One example of a BHS licensed organization/provider is called a Mental Health Rehabilitation (MHR) pg. 324 §5603 Definitions

*-an outpatient healthcare program provider of any psychosocial rehabilitation (PSR), crisis intervention (CI), and/or community psychiatric support and treatment (CPST) services that promotes the restoration of community functioning and well-being of an individual diagnosed with a mental health or emotional disorder. The MHR provider utilizes evidenced based supports and interventions designed to improve individual and community outcomes.*

§5643: LDH mandates specific staff for all licensed BHS facilities:

*A medical director*

*An administrator*

*A Licensed Mental Health Professional/Clinical Director*

*Unlicensed Professionals (UP) (p. 344)*

PLPCs fall in the UP category

*UP's roles are to meet the need of the clients. The UP shall:*

- i. Provide direct care to clients and may serve as primary counselor to specified caseload under clinical supervision*
- ii. Serve as resource person for other professionals and paraprofessionals in their specific area of expertise*
- iii. Attend and participate in individual care conferences, treatment planning, and discharge planning*
- iv. Function as the client's advocate in all treatment decisions affecting the clients, and*
- v. Prepare and write notes or other documents related to recovery (e.g. assessment, progress notes, treatment plans, etc).*

**What is the agency responsible for handling Medicaid claims?**

Organizations submit claims for compensation directly to the LA Bayou Health Medicaid Plans they are credentialed with.

**What are the provider requirements for billing Medicaid as a PLPC?**

That depends largely on the type of contract established with the LA Bayou Health Medicaid Plans and type of service the organization provides- one example is a MHR. LDH licenses several types of programs and outlines the requirements for each program to provide the service.

**What types of services can PLPCs bill for under Medicaid?**

Again, that depends largely on the type of contract and type of service the organization provides- one example is a MHR. A PLPC employed with a MHR can bill CPST, PSR, and CI services. LDH licenses several types of programs

**Who can PLPCs contact with questions regarding billing concerns?**

A perspective employer can explain/articulate the services that a UP or PLPC can provide within their organization- LDH will refer the individual to the health plans, and a health plan will not communicate with an individual they are not contracted with

**Where can additional information be located regarding Behavioral Health Managed Care in Louisiana be found?**

A perspective employer is best equipped to answer questions as it relates to UP/PLPC Medicaid billing. Additional information about LA Behavioral Health Managed Care can be found at [ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/subhome/18](http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/subhome/18)