



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB5471

by Rep. Theresa Mah

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the Certified Clinically Integrated Peer Support Specialist Act. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to create a registry of certified clinically integrated peer support specialist with the Department. Provides that the Department shall create and periodically update a list of clinically integrated peer support specialist certifications that will be recognized by the Department. Provides that the Department shall create a registry for individuals to be recognized as a clinically integrated peer support specialist. Provides that individuals may apply to be on the registry by offering evidence that they satisfy specified criteria. Provides that the Department of Healthcare and Family Services may use the standards outlined in the Act to support third-party reimbursement for services provided by clinically integrated peer support specialists.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the  
5 Certified Clinically Integrated Peer Support Specialist Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

7 "Clinically integrated peer support specialist" means an  
8 individual who has received treatment for a diagnosed mental  
9 illness as defined in Section 1-129 of the Mental Health and  
10 Developmental Disabilities Code, is working as part of a  
11 clinical care team or otherwise coordinates with clinical  
12 service providers either in a community or health care setting,  
13 and maintains a peer support specialist certification approved  
14 by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
15 under Section 10 of this Act. Nothing in this definition should  
16 be construed as limiting the definitions, role, or payment of  
17 other peer support specialists that practice outside of  
18 integrated clinical care.

19 "Department" means the Department of Financial and  
20 Professional Regulation.

21 Section 10. Recognized certifications. The Department  
22 shall create and periodically update a list of clinically

1 integrated peer support specialist certifications that will be  
2 recognized by the Department. The Department shall recognize  
3 those certifications that require at least the following:

4 (1) 40 hours of training in providing direct peer  
5 support;

6 (2) 3,000 hours of supervised experience providing  
7 direct peer support;

8 (3) a letter of recommendation from a mental health  
9 professional and a letter of recommendation from a person  
10 who has supervised the individual; and

11 (4) passage of an examination that evaluates  
12 understanding and proficiency in the core competencies for  
13 peer workers in behavioral health services as set forth by  
14 the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services  
15 Administration.

16 Section 15. Certification registry. The Department shall  
17 create a registry for individuals to be recognized as a  
18 clinically integrated peer support specialist. Individuals may  
19 apply to be on the registry by offering evidence that they meet  
20 the definition of a "clinically integrated peer support  
21 specialist" under Section 5 of this Act and hold a  
22 certification in good standing recognized by the Department  
23 under Section 10 of this Act. The Department may provide by  
24 rule a schedule of fees to be paid for registration by all  
25 applicants that is sufficient to cover the cost of evaluating

1 the applicant's credentials and maintaining the registry.

2 Section 20. Authority to practice. For determinations  
3 related to legal authority to practice and associated  
4 reimbursements for clinically integrated peer support  
5 specialist services, the Department shall deem all individuals  
6 clinically integrated peer support specialists, regardless of  
7 the state in which they received their training and  
8 certification, that satisfy the following criteria:

9 (1) meet the definition of "clinically integrated peer  
10 support specialist" in Section 5 of this Act;

11 (2) holds a certification in good standing recognized  
12 by the Department under Section 10 of this Act; and

13 (3) are currently registered with the Department under  
14 Section 15 of this Act.

15 Section 25. Reimbursement. The Department of Healthcare  
16 and Family Services may, at its discretion, use the standards  
17 outlined in Section 10 of this Act to support third-party  
18 reimbursement for services provided by clinically integrated  
19 peer support specialists.

20 Section 30. Limitations. Nothing in this Act shall be  
21 construed as preventing an individual with the lived experience  
22 of having a mental illness from offering formal or informal  
23 peer-to-peer support services to any other individual with a

1 mental illness outside of a clinical care team or a health care  
2 setting. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as limiting the  
3 reimbursement under the State medical assistance program under  
4 Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code or other authorized  
5 use of State funds for peer support specialist services that do  
6 not meet the definition of "clinically integrated peer support  
7 specialist", do not hold a recognized certification in good  
8 standing from that entity under Section 10, or are not  
9 currently registered with the Department under Section 15.