

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 5. The Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act is  
5 amended by changing Sections 4.2 and 4.3 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 15/4.2)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

8 Sec. 4.2. Prescribing psychologist license.

9 (a) A psychologist may apply to the Department for a  
10 prescribing psychologist license. The application shall be  
11 made on a form approved by the Department, include the payment  
12 of any required fees, and be accompanied by evidence  
13 satisfactory to the Department that the applicant:

14 (1) holds a current license to practice clinical  
15 psychology in Illinois;

16 (2) has successfully completed the following minimum  
17 educational and training requirements either during the  
18 doctoral program required for licensure under this Section  
19 or in an accredited undergraduate or master level program  
20 prior to or subsequent to the doctoral program required  
21 under this Section:

22 (A) specific minimum undergraduate biomedical  
23 prerequisite coursework, including, but not limited

1 to: Medical Terminology (class or proficiency);  
2 Chemistry or Biochemistry with lab (2 semesters);  
3 Human Physiology (one semester); Human Anatomy (one  
4 semester); Anatomy and Physiology; Microbiology with  
5 lab (one semester); and General Biology for science  
6 majors or Cell and Molecular Biology (one semester);

7 (B) a minimum of 60 credit hours of didactic  
8 coursework, including, but not limited to:  
9 Pharmacology; Clinical Psychopharmacology; Clinical  
10 Anatomy and Integrated Science; Patient Evaluation;  
11 Advanced Physical Assessment; Research Methods;  
12 Advanced Pathophysiology; Diagnostic Methods; Problem  
13 Based Learning; and Clinical and Procedural Skills;  
14 and

15 (C) a full-time practicum of 14 months' ~~months~~  
16 supervised clinical training ~~of at least 36 credit~~  
17 ~~hours~~, including a research project; during the  
18 clinical rotation phase, students complete rotations  
19 in Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Geriatrics,  
20 Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology,  
21 Pediatrics, Psychiatrics, Surgery, and one elective of  
22 the students' choice; program approval standards  
23 addressing faculty qualifications, regular competency  
24 evaluation and length of clinical rotations, and  
25 instructional settings, including, but not limited to,  
26 hospitals, medical centers, health care facilities

1 located at federal and State prisons, hospital  
2 outpatient clinics, community mental health clinics,  
3 patient-centered medical homes or family-centered  
4 medical homes, women's medical health centers, and  
5 Federally Qualified Health Centers; the clinical  
6 training must meet the standards for: ~~and correctional~~  
7 facilities, in accordance with those of the  
8 Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the  
9 Physician Assistant shall be set by Department by rule;

10 (i) physician assistant education as defined  
11 by the Accreditation Review Commission on  
12 Education for the Physician Assistant;

13 (ii) advanced practice nurse education as  
14 defined by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing  
15 Education for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner or  
16 the Accreditation Commission for Education in  
17 Nursing for the Advanced Nurse Practitioner; or

18 (iii) medical education as defined by the  
19 Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical  
20 Education and shall be set by the Department by  
21 rule;

22 (3) has completed a National Certifying Exam, as  
23 determined by rule; and

24 (4) meets all other requirements for obtaining a  
25 prescribing psychologist license, as determined by rule.

26 (b) The Department may issue a prescribing psychologist

1 license if it finds that the applicant has met the requirements  
2 of subsection (a) of this Section.

3 (c) A prescribing psychologist may only prescribe  
4 medication pursuant to the provisions of this Act if the  
5 prescribing psychologist:

6 (1) continues to hold a current license to practice  
7 psychology in Illinois;

8 (2) satisfies the continuing education requirements  
9 for prescribing psychologists, including 10 hours of  
10 continuing education annually in pharmacology from  
11 accredited providers; and

12 (3) maintains a written collaborative agreement with a  
13 collaborating physician pursuant to Section 4.3 of this  
14 Act.

15 (Source: P.A. 98-668, eff. 6-25-14.)

16 (225 ILCS 15/4.3)

17 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

18 Sec. 4.3. Written collaborative agreements.

19 (a) A written collaborative agreement is required for all  
20 prescribing psychologists practicing under a prescribing  
21 psychologist license issued pursuant to Section 4.2 of this  
22 Act.

23 (b) A written delegation of prescriptive authority by a  
24 collaborating physician may only include medications for the  
25 treatment of mental health disease or illness the collaborating

1 physician generally provides to his or her patients in the  
2 normal course of his or her clinical practice with the  
3 exception of the following:

4 (1) patients who are less than 17 years of age or over  
5 65 years of age;

6 (2) patients during pregnancy;

7 (3) patients with serious medical conditions, such as  
8 heart disease, cancer, stroke, or seizures, and with  
9 developmental disabilities and intellectual disabilities;  
10 and

11 (4) prescriptive authority for benzodiazepine Schedule  
12 III controlled substances.

13 (c) The collaborating physician shall file with the  
14 Department notice of delegation of prescriptive authority and  
15 termination of the delegation, in accordance with rules of the  
16 Department. Upon receipt of this notice delegating authority to  
17 prescribe any nonnarcotic Schedule III through V controlled  
18 substances, the licensed clinical psychologist shall be  
19 eligible to register for a mid-level practitioner controlled  
20 substance license under Section 303.05 of the Illinois  
21 Controlled Substances Act.

22 (d) All of the following shall apply to delegation of  
23 prescriptive authority:

24 (1) Any delegation of Schedule III through V controlled  
25 substances shall identify the specific controlled  
26 substance by brand name or generic name. No controlled

1 substance to be delivered by injection may be delegated. No  
2 Schedule II controlled substance shall be delegated.

3 (2) A prescribing psychologist shall not prescribe  
4 narcotic drugs, as defined in Section 102 of the Illinois  
5 Controlled Substances Act.

6 Any prescribing psychologist who writes a prescription for  
7 a controlled substance without having valid and appropriate  
8 authority may be fined by the Department not more than \$50 per  
9 prescription and the Department may take any other disciplinary  
10 action provided for in this Act.

11 All prescriptions written by a prescribing psychologist  
12 must contain the name of the prescribing psychologist and his  
13 or her signature. The prescribing psychologist shall sign his  
14 or her own name.

15 (e) The written collaborative agreement shall describe the  
16 working relationship of the prescribing psychologist with the  
17 collaborating physician and shall delegate prescriptive  
18 authority as provided in this Act. Collaboration does not  
19 require an employment relationship between the collaborating  
20 physician and prescribing psychologist. Absent an employment  
21 relationship, an agreement may not restrict third-party  
22 payment sources accepted by the prescribing psychologist. For  
23 the purposes of this Section, "collaboration" means the  
24 relationship between a prescribing psychologist and a  
25 collaborating physician with respect to the delivery of  
26 prescribing services in accordance with (1) the prescribing

1 psychologist's training, education, and experience and (2)  
2 collaboration and consultation as documented in a jointly  
3 developed written collaborative agreement.

4 (f) The agreement shall promote the exercise of  
5 professional judgment by the prescribing psychologist  
6 corresponding to his or her education and experience.

7 (g) The collaborative agreement shall not be construed to  
8 require the personal presence of a physician at the place where  
9 services are rendered. Methods of communication shall be  
10 available for consultation with the collaborating physician in  
11 person or by telecommunications in accordance with established  
12 written guidelines as set forth in the written agreement.

13 (h) Collaboration and consultation pursuant to all  
14 collaboration agreements shall be adequate if a collaborating  
15 physician does each of the following:

16 (1) participates in the joint formulation and joint  
17 approval of orders or guidelines with the prescribing  
18 psychologist and he or she periodically reviews the  
19 prescribing psychologist's orders and the services  
20 provided patients under the orders in accordance with  
21 accepted standards of medical practice and prescribing  
22 psychologist practice;

23 (2) provides collaboration and consultation with the  
24 prescribing psychologist in person at least once a month  
25 for review of safety and quality clinical care or  
26 treatment;

1           (3) is available through telecommunications for  
2           consultation on medical problems, complications,  
3           emergencies, or patient referral; and

4           (4) reviews medication orders of the prescribing  
5           psychologist no less than monthly, including review of  
6           laboratory tests and other tests as available.

7           (i) The written collaborative agreement shall contain  
8           provisions detailing notice for termination or change of status  
9           involving a written collaborative agreement, except when the  
10          notice is given for just cause.

11          (j) A copy of the signed written collaborative agreement  
12          shall be available to the Department upon request to either the  
13          prescribing psychologist or the collaborating physician.

14          (k) Nothing in this Section shall be construed to limit the  
15          authority of a prescribing psychologist to perform all duties  
16          authorized under this Act.

17          (l) A prescribing psychologist shall inform each  
18          collaborating physician of all collaborative agreements he or  
19          she has signed and provide a copy of these to any collaborating  
20          physician.

21          (m) No collaborating physician shall enter into more than 3  
22          collaborative agreements with prescribing psychologists.

23          (Source: P.A. 98-668, eff. 6-25-14.)

24          Section 10. The Telehealth Act is amended by changing  
25          Section 5 as follows:



1 (225 ILCS 150/5)

2 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

3 "Health care professional" includes physicians, physician  
4 assistants, ~~dentists,~~ optometrists, advanced practice  
5 registered nurses, clinical psychologists licensed in  
6 Illinois, prescribing psychologists licensed in Illinois,  
7 dentists, occupational therapists, pharmacists, physical  
8 therapists, clinical social workers, speech-language  
9 pathologists, audiologists, hearing instrument dispensers, and  
10 mental health professionals and clinicians authorized by  
11 Illinois law to provide mental health services.

12 "Telehealth" means the evaluation, diagnosis, or  
13 interpretation of electronically transmitted patient-specific  
14 data between a remote location and a licensed health care  
15 professional that generates interaction or treatment  
16 recommendations. "Telehealth" includes telemedicine and the  
17 delivery of health care services provided by way of an  
18 interactive telecommunications system, as defined in  
19 subsection (a) of Section 356z.22 of the Illinois Insurance  
20 Code.

21 (Source: P.A. 100-317, eff. 1-1-18; 100-644, eff. 1-1-19;  
22 100-930, eff. 1-1-19; revised 10-22-18.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
24 becoming law.