

Amendment to SB 80

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to applicants to the board of mental health practice from other states,  
4 membership on the board of mental health practice, and insurance credentialing of  
5 out-of-state mental health practitioners and psychologists.  
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7 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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9 1 New Paragraph; Mental Health Practice; Applicants From Other States. Amend RSA 330-  
10 A:26 by inserting after paragraph III the following new paragraph:

11 IV. If the board fails to grant a regular license under paragraph II within 15 days to an  
12 applicant who meets the requirements of paragraphs I and/or III, for which applicant there are no  
13 complaints or other reasons for denial, the applicant shall be issued an interim license which shall  
14 allow the applicant to practice in this state pending final approval or denial of the application by the  
15 board.

16 2 Board of Mental Health Practice; New Members. Amend RSA 330-A:3, I to read as follows:

17 I. There shall be a board of mental health practice composed of the following members: one  
18 licensed pastoral psychotherapist, one licensed clinical social worker, one licensed marriage and  
19 family therapist, one licensed clinical mental health counselor, ***one member from a community***  
20 ***mental health center, one member from a community health center,*** and 3 public members.  
21 The members shall be appointed to a term of 3 years by the governor with the approval of the  
22 council. The members of the board shall elect a chairperson on an annual basis. No discipline's  
23 representative and no individual public member shall serve as chairperson for more than 2 years  
24 consecutively.

25 3 Board of Mental Health Practice; Quorum. Amend RSA 330-A:9, I to read as follows:

26 I. The board shall hold regular annual meetings. Other meetings of the board shall be held  
27 at such times and upon such notice as the rules of the board provide. [~~Four~~] ***Five*** members shall  
28 constitute a quorum.

29 4 Managed Care Law; Credentialing Verification; Mental Practitioners and Psychologists.  
30 Amend RSA 420-J:8-c to read as follows:

31 420-J:8-c Reimbursement for Providers Waiting for Health Carrier Credentialing Verification.

32 ***I.*** Pursuant to RSA 420-J:4, I, health carriers issuing health benefit plans subject to this  
33 chapter shall pay claims for covered services rendered to covered persons by a health care provider

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1 who, at the time of submission of a clean and complete credentialing application, has a valid license  
2 from the respective state licensing board and has been credentialed by the hospital, if appropriate.  
3 The claim for covered services rendered by the provider applicant shall be paid at the same  
4 contracted rate as the credentialed provider:

5 ~~[I.]~~ **(a)** When covering on-call for another health care provider who is credentialed by the  
6 carrier and billed using the name of the credentialed provider; or

7 ~~[H.]~~ **(b)** Who, at the time of application, is credentialed by the health carrier in another  
8 state or is in the health carrier's New Hampshire network based on employment with a particular  
9 health care entity.

10 ***II. For purposes of RSA 420-J:4 and this section, a health care provider having a***  
11 ***valid license shall include all:***

12 ***(a) Mental health practitioners licensed under RSA 330-A and applicants for***  
13 ***mental health practice licensure from other states who are able to practice in this state***  
14 ***pursuant to RSA 330-A:26, II or IV.***

15 ***(b) Psychologists licensed under RSA 329-B and psychologists licensed in***  
16 ***another jurisdiction issued a temporary license to practice under RSA 329-B:20, III.***

17 5 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

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**AMENDED ANALYSIS**

This bill requires the board of mental health practice to issue an interim license to qualified applicants from other states while awaiting final approval or denial of the application. The bill also adds 2 members to the board of mental health practice. The bill also clarifies the procedure for insurance credentialing of out-of-state mental health practitioners and psychologists applying for state licensure.