

249A.15A Licensed marital and family therapists, licensed master social workers, licensed mental health counselors, certified alcohol and drug counselors, licensed behavior analysts, and licensed assistant behavior analysts — temporary licensees.

1. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) entitling marital and family therapists who are licensed pursuant to [chapter 154D](#) to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations. The rules shall also provide that a marital and family therapist, who holds a temporary license to practice marital and family therapy pursuant to [section 154D.7](#), is entitled to payment under [this section](#) for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, when such services are provided under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as determined by the board of behavioral health professionals by rule, and claims for payment for such services are submitted by the qualified supervisor.

2. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) entitling master social workers who hold a master's degree approved by the board of behavioral health professionals, are licensed as a master social worker pursuant to [section 154C.3, subsection 1](#), paragraph "b", and provide treatment services under the supervision of an independent social worker licensed pursuant to [section 154C.3, subsection 1](#), paragraph "c", to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations.

3. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) entitling mental health counselors who are licensed pursuant to [chapter 154D](#) to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations. The rules shall also provide that a mental health counselor, who holds a temporary license to practice mental health counseling pursuant to [section 154D.7](#), is entitled to payment under [this section](#) for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, when such services are provided under the supervision of a qualified supervisor as determined by the board of behavioral health professionals by rule, and claims for payment for such services are submitted by the qualified supervisor.

4. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) entitling alcohol and drug counselors who are certified by the nongovernmental Iowa board of certification to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations.

5. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to [chapter 17A](#) entitling behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts who are licensed pursuant to [chapter 154D](#) to payment for behavioral health services provided to recipients of medical assistance, subject to limitations and exclusions the department finds necessary on the basis of federal laws and regulations.

6. Entitlement to payment under [this section](#) is applicable to services provided to recipients of medical assistance under both the fee-for-service and managed care payment and delivery systems. Neither the fee-for-service nor the managed care payment and delivery system shall impose a practice or supervision restriction which is inconsistent with or more restrictive than the authority already granted by law, including the authority to provide supervision in person or remotely through electronic means as specified by rule of the applicable licensing board.

2008 Acts, ch 1187, §123; 2011 Acts, ch 29, §1; 2018 Acts, ch 1106, §12, 14; 2018 Acts, ch 1165, §136, 139; 2023 Acts, ch 19, §802; 2024 Acts, ch 1170, §508

Subsections 1, 2, and 3 amended