

UNDERSTANDING YOUR LICENSURE AND COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

Education, licensure, and payor coverage can vary widely based on provider type. The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan (SCHA-MI) has developed the Michigan Practice Requirements and Provider Coverage document (“the Document”), which summarizes the educational and licensure requirements by provider type and provides general payor coverage information for Medicare, Michigan Medicaid and Michigan health plans. The Document covers Michigan state law, the relevant Board requirements, Medicare and Medicaid regulatory requirements, and general health plan coverage. It is important to keep in mind that commercial payor coverage will depend on the individual plan, but Medicaid managed care plans will follow Medicaid reimbursement guidelines.

Licensure requirements are based on state law and the administrative rule for your profession’s Licensing Board. The Document provides information specific to Michigan requirements. The Michigan Practice Requirements section of the Document detail the education, licensure (including limited license) and supervision requirements and scope of practice for each of the following provider type:

- Family Therapist
- Social Worker (LLBSW, LLMSW, LBSW, LMSW)
- School Social Worker
- Psychologist (LLP, LP)
- School Psychologist
- School Counselor
- Licensed Practical Nurse
- Registered Nurse
- Nurse Practitioner (NP, FNP, PNP)
- School Nurse
- Physician Assistant

- Physician (including Psychiatrist)

Licensure requirements typically include the minimum degree or certification program that must be completed, including any mandated course topics, examinations, work experience hour requirements, additional training(s), and/or other application requirements. Beginning in 2021, applicants for many types of licenses will be required to complete training on identifying victims of human trafficking. Any questions about licensure requirements should be directed to State Licensing Board for your profession, such as the Board of Nursing, Board of Social Work or Board of Medicine.

Visit the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Health Professional Licensing provides direct links to specific professional licensing information at:

https://www.michigan.gov/lara/0,4601,7-154-89334_72600_72603---,00.html

Information on applying for a license, including an online application, any continuing education requirements, and license renewal can be found on each licensing Board’s website.

The Provider Coverage section of the Document indicates whether the specific provider type is generally recognized by a specific payor but does not indicate the ability for that provider type to bill the payor directly. Consult the payor’s billing requirements to identify what services are covered, as well as any billing or supervision requirements, for your provider type.