

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**  
**Board of Examiners of Psychology**  
**(Amendment)**

**201 KAR 26:121. Scope of practice and dual licensure.**

RELATES TO: KRS 319.010, 319.015, 319.032(1)(b), 319.050(7)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 319.032(1)(b)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 319.032(1)(b) requires the board to promulgate administrative regulations establishing and defining scope of practice within the field of psychology. This administrative regulation establishes the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists who hold the health service provider designation, licensed psychologists, certified psychologists, certified psychologists with autonomous functioning, licensed psychological associates, and licensed psychological practitioners.

Section 1. A license holder shall not practice or present himself or herself outside the area or areas of competency specified in the application for a license and approved by the board based upon examination and review of qualifications, training, and experience, unless the credential holder has obtained additional education, training, experience, or supervision appropriate to the new practice area.

Section 2. Scope of Practice. (1) A licensed psychologist who holds the health service provider designation, a licensed psychologist, a certified psychologist with autonomous functioning, a certified psychologist, a licensed psychologist associate, or a licensed psychological practitioner may:

(a) Work in various health care service delivery settings; and

(b) Provide one (1) or more of the following direct or supportive services:

1. Diagnosis of an emotional, mental, nervous, or addictive disorder, including mental health conditions or an adjustment problem of an individual or group through the use of psychological testing or other techniques;

2. Evaluation or assessment of the functioning of an individual, group, or organization;

3. Treatment of an emotional, mental, nervous, or addictive disorder, including mental health conditions, or an adjustment problem of an individual or group;

4. Intervention or a preventive technique that facilitates the functioning of an individual, group, or organization;

5. Consultation services;

6. Program planning or development services;

7. Evaluation of a psychological or human service program; or

8. Supervision of health service delivery by a licensed psychologist who holds the health service provider designation, as established in 201 KAR 26:171.

9. The practice of psychology shall be construed within the meaning of the definition contained in KRS 319.010(7) without regard to whether payment is received for services rendered.

(2) All license holders from this board shall restrict their practice to the delivery of specific services for which they are competent based on professional education, training, and experience.

Section 3. Dual Credentialing. (1) An individual who holds both a license to practice psychology from this board and a mental health credential from another regulatory board authorized by a Kentucky statute shall:

(a) Inform the recipient of a particular service under which license the provider is practicing; and

(b) Not participate in the “practice of psychology” as defined by KRS 319.010 under the auspices of another credential, recognizing that some activities are exempted by KRS 319.015.

(2) Psychological testing as defined by 201 KAR 26:115 shall not be delivered under a credential other than a license issued by the Board of Examiners of Psychology.

JEAN A. DETERS, PSY.D., Board Chair

APPROVED BY AGENCY: March 1, 2021

FILED WITH LRC: March 4, 2021 at 2:15 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall, if requested, be held on May 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 127, The Mayo-Underwood Building, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. In the event the building is not open to the public on May 28, 2021, including if the declared State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-215 and the State of Emergency Relating to Social Distancing in Executive Order 2020-243 are not rescinded by May 28, 2021, this hearing will be done by video teleconference. A link to the teleconference will be posted on the Board’s website. Individuals interested in attending this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by May 21, 2021, five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on this proposed administrative regulation until May 31, 2021. Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person. Pursuant to KRS 13A.280(8), copies of the statement of consideration and, if applicable, the amended after comments version of the administrative regulation shall be made available upon request.

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## REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact Person: David C. Trimble

(1) Provide a brief summary of:

(a) What this administrative regulation does: KRS 319.032 authorizes the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology to promulgate administrative regulations consistent with KRS Chapter 319, regulating the practice of psychology. This administrative regulation establishes the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists who hold the health service provider designation, licensed psychologists, certified psychologists, certified psychologists with autonomous functioning, licensed psychological associates, and licensed psychological practitioners.

(b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: This administrative regulation is required by KRS 319.032.

(c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 319.032 authorizes the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology to promulgate administrative regulations consistent with KRS Chapter 319, regulating the practice of psychology. This administrative regulation establishes the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists who hold the health service provider designation, licensed psychologists, certified

psychologists, certified psychologists with autonomous functioning, licensed psychological associates, and licensed psychological practitioners.

(d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This regulation assists in the effective administration of KRS Chapter 319 by carrying out the legislative mandate for the board to establish regulations for the practice of psychology.

(2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:

(a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: The Amendment clarifies procedures for the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists who hold the health service provider designation, licensed psychologists, certified psychologists, certified psychologists with autonomous functioning, licensed psychological associates, and licensed psychological practitioners.

(b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: The amendment is necessary to clarify procedures for the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists.

(c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: KRS 319.032 authorizes the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology to promulgate administrative regulations consistent with KRS Chapter 319, regulating the practice of psychology. This administrative regulation establishes procedures for the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists.

(d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This regulation assists in the effective administration of KRS Chapter 319 by carrying out the legislative mandate for the board to establish requirements for the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists.

(3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: This regulation will affect 1,772 licensed psychologists practicing in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, as well as an unknown number of their patients who depend on their psychologist remaining current with their training.

(4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in the previous question will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:

(a) List the actions each of the regulated entities have to take to comply with this regulation or amendment: This regulation will provide updated procedures for the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists.

(b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities: This regulation should add no additional cost to the licensed psychologist.

(c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities: This regulation will allow psychologists to have an updated understanding of procedures for the required scope of practice for licensed psychologists.

(5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:

(a) Initially: This administrative regulation does not create a cost for the administrative body.

(b) On a continuing basis: This administrative regulation does not create a cost for the administrative body

(6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology is self-funded through the fees paid by licensees. No additional funding is necessary for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation.

(7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: No increases in fees or funding is necessary to implement the amendment to this administrative regulation.

(8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: No increases in fees or funding is necessary to implement this administrative regulation.

(9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? Tiering is not applied because similarly situated licensees are treated similarly under this administrative regulation.

### FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(1) What units, parts or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? This administrative regulation impacts the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology.

(2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 319.032(1).

(3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect.

(a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? This administrative regulation does not generate revenue for the Board.

(b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? This administrative regulation does not generate revenue for the Board.

(c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? This administrative regulation does not create a cost for the Board.

(d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? This administrative regulation does not create a cost for the Board.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-):

Expenditures (+/-):

Other Explanation: