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I. ISSUE

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II. POLICY

A. To be certified as an authorized clinical psychologist, an individual must be licensed or certified by the state for the independent practice of psychology; **and**:

1. Posses**s** a doctoral degree in psychology from a regionally accredited university; **and**

2. Have two years of supervised clinical experience in psychological health services of which at least one year is post-doctoral and one year (may be the post-doctoral year) is in an organized psychological health service training program; **or**

3. As an alternative to [paragraph II.A.1.](#) and [2.](#), be listed in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

B. A provider has fulfilled the degree requirement if the provider holds a doctorate from a regionally accredited institution and if the doctorate (or doctorate combined with additional coursework) fulfills the licensing/certifying/registering jurisdiction's educational requirements to become a licensed/certified/registered psychologist at the independent practice level.

C. A provider who does not qualify as an authorized clinical psychologist is to be offered the alternative of applying for provider status under another mental health provider category or of applying for listing in the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology.

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