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SUBCHAPTER 1. SCOPE OF PRACTICE; PERSONS REQUIRING LICENSURE; EXEMPTIONS FROM LICENSURE; UNLICENSED PRACTICE

13:42-1.1 Scope of practice

(a) The scope of practice of a licensed psychologist includes, but is not limited to, the use or advertisement of the use of theories, principles, procedures, techniques or devices of psychology, whether or not for a fee or other recompense. Psychological services include, but are not limited to:

1. Psychological assessment of a person or group including, but not limited to: administration or interpretation of psychological tests and devices for the purpose of educational placement, job placement, job suitability, personality evaluation, intelligence, psychodiagnosis, treatment planning and disposition; career and vocational planning and development; personal development; management development; institutional placements; and assessments in connection with legal proceedings and the actions of governmental agencies including, but not limited to, cases involving education, divorce, child custody, disability issues and criminal matters;

2. Psychological intervention or consultation in the form of verbal, behavioral or written interaction to promote optimal development or growth or to ameliorate personality disturbances or maladjustments of an individual or group. Psychological intervention includes, but is not limited to, individual, couples, group and family psychotherapy, and psychological consultation includes consultation to or for private individuals, groups and organizations and to or for governmental agencies, police and any level of the judicial system;

3. Use of psychological principles, which are operating assumptions derived from the theories of psychology that include, but are not limited to: personality, motivation, learning and behavior systems, psychophysiological psychology including biofeedback, neuropsychology, cognitive psychology and psychological measurement; and

4. Use of psychological procedures, which are applications employing the principles of psychology and associated techniques, instruments and devices. These procedures include, but are not limited to, psychological interviews, counseling, psychotherapy, hypnotherapy, biofeedback, and psychological assessments.

13:42-1.2 Persons requiring licensure; persons not requiring licensure

(a) Persons requiring licensure include all those whose conduct is within the scope of practice set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.1 and whose practice is not otherwise exempt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6, N.J.S.A. 45:14B-8, N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.4 and 1.5, and (b) below, including the following:

1. Persons offering services to the public in private practice, in partnership with other licensed health care professionals, in professional service corporations as shareholders or employees, and in or affiliated with all forms of managed health care organizations (for example, HMO, PPO, IPA, etc.);

2. Employees of general business corporations to the extent such practice is permitted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.5; and

3. (Reserved)

(b) Persons not requiring licensure are limited to persons engaged in the practice of hypnotherapy as well as those whose conduct and practice is exempt from licensure pursuant to this subchapter.

1. For purposes of this subsection, hypnotherapy means the induction of a hypnotic state by applying individualized techniques to induce hypnosis in order to assist clients with stress management not related to a medical or mental health disorder, altering habits such as smoking and weight management, increasing client motivation in employment, the workplace and in sports activities and enhancing creative, artistic and scholastic endeavors.

2. The services of a hypnotherapist shall be limited to:
 - i. Interviewing a client to determine the nature of the client's problem;
 - ii. Assessing the client's suitability for hypnotherapy;
 - iii. Testing a prospective client to determine the client's level of suggestibility;
 - iv. Preparing clients for hypnosis through an explanation of the process and procedures used as well as a description of the resulting hypnotic state to be experienced by the client;
 - v. Teaching self-hypnosis to clients;
 - vi. Inducing the hypnotic state; and
 - vii. Applying hypnotic techniques.

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.104, effective March 3, 1997.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2318(a), 29 N.J.R. 786(a).

In (a), inserted reference to (b); and added (b).

Case Notes

Psychology; practice without license; person practicing is working as employee at accredited academic institution or a government institution or agency, is working for nonprofit community agency under direct supervision of licensed practicing psychologist, is certified by Department of Education as school psychologist and offers psychological services within the scope of his or her employment but not to the general public, is student of psychology and under supervision and clearly designated as intern or trainee, is comparably licensed psychologist of another state practicing in state for only brief time or has been issued temporary permit. *Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO v. Clymer*, 292 N.J.Super. 138, 678 A.2d 332 (L.1996).

13:42-1.3 Employment by a nonprofit bona fide community organization; exemption from licensure

(a) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3, a psychologist employee of a nonprofit organization which is a bona fide community agency supported wholly or in major part by public funds is exempted from licensure provided the employee is under the direct supervision of a licensed practicing psychologist. For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" shall mean acts performed at a nonprofit bona fide community organization wherein he or she is constantly accessible, either on-site or through electronic communication, and available to render assistance when required and that the licensee shall retain full professional responsibility for client care and treatment.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term "public funds" shall not mean payments by Medicare or Medicaid or other public or private insurance fund on behalf of an individual client to an individual provider (directly or through a professional service corporation) licensed by the Board.

(c) For purposes of this section, the term "non-profit bona fide community organization" shall mean:

1. An entity which is exempt from taxation pursuant to section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code and which meets one of the following definitions. The organization shall be:

- i. A corporate entity or any community chest, fund or foundation organized and operated exclusively for religious or charitable purposes;
- ii. A civic league or organization not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare; or
- iii. A religious society devoted exclusively to charitable or religious purposes; or

2. An entity which has as its commitment the delivery of mental health services to clients who are amenable to those forms of psychological services customarily provided by the organization and which meets one of the following definitions:

- i. The organization receives 50 percent or more of its funding in the form of public monies from a budget line or grant appropriated on a quarterly, twice-yearly, annual or other regular basis; or
- ii. The organization has publicly and permanently committed itself to accepting, without numerical restriction, clients whose treatment shall be reimbursed either by Medicaid or Medicare or other public insurance program funding.

(d) Examples of organizations which may be considered bona fide non-profit community organizations under the definition set forth in (c)2 above include private or public non-psychiatric hospitals which are licensed by the New Jersey State Department of Health to provide health and medical care to the general public and which have a designated psychiatric unit.

(e) By July 19, 1995 or at the time employment of the unlicensed psychologist employee commences, whichever is later, the exempt entity or exempt practitioner shall submit to the Board a notice specifying the following information:

1. The public commitment of the organization and the basis for exemption under this section;
2. The name of the New Jersey licensed psychologist(s) or psychiatrist(s) or other licensed mental health care practitioner authorized by law to render professional mental health services at the organization's facility; and
3. The name of each unlicensed psychologist employee who does or shall perform psychological services. The unlicensed psychologist employee shall not be an independent contractor.

(f) The exempt entity may submit notice on behalf of the employee(s), and a single annual notice in January of each year shall suffice to retain the exemption for that year. The

exempt entity shall update the notice as necessary, and the Board will acknowledge receipt of each notice.

(g) Exemption shall be conditioned upon the employing organization continuing to meet the criteria of this section and N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 as it may be affected by other applicable law.

New Rule. R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

Rewrote (a).

Case Notes

Psychology; practice without license; person practicing is working as employee at accredited academic institution or a government institution or agency, is working for nonprofit community agency under direct supervision of licensed practicing psychologist, is certified by Department of Education as school psychologist and offers psychological services within the scope of his or her employment but not to the general public, is student of psychology and under supervision and clearly designated as intern or trainee, is comparably licensed psychologist of another state practicing in state for only brief time or has been issued temporary permit. *Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO v. Clymer*, 292 N.J.Super. 138, 678 A.2d 332 (L.1996).

13:42-1.4 Student of psychology; exemption from licensure

(a) For purposes of this section, "student of psychology" means a person who is presently registered at a regionally accredited institution and there matriculated into a graduate program of study leading toward a doctoral degree in psychology or an allied field.

(b) A student of psychology may be exempt from licensure under the Act provided that the student is under the supervision of an authorized supervisor as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.2.

(c) The student's authorized supervisor shall be responsible for ensuring that:

1. The student's participation in the training program is a requirement of the graduate psychology program;
2. The student's transcript (or previous transcripts accepted by the degree-granting college or university as specifically supportive of the present graduate program leading toward the graduate degree) reflects prior academic training specific to the duties assigned to the student; and
3. The student is clearly identified as a student intern or extern prior to engaging in psychological practice.

13:42-1.5 Member of other professional group doing work of psychological nature; exemption from licensure

(a) The following individuals, who do work of a psychological nature consistent with the accepted standards of their respective professions, are exempt from licensure under the Practicing Psychology Licensing Act provided they do not hold themselves out to the public by any title or description stating or implying that such person is a psychologist or is licensed to practice psychology:

1. A licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician; .
2. A licensed optometrist;
3. A licensed chiropractor;
4. A member of the clergy or pastoral counselor directly affiliated with a recognized ministry and employed by that ministry to provide psychological services;
5. A licensed attorney at law;
6. A licensed social worker under the supervision of a duly licensed mental health professional;
7. A licensed clinical social worker;
8. A licensed registered nurse certified by the Society of Clinical Specialists in Psychiatric Nursing of the American Nurses Association;
9. A person employed by the Federal government and solely in a Federal installation;
10. An authorized practitioner as designated by a New Jersey court of competent jurisdiction to perform services which may be psychological in nature pursuant to Rule of Court 5:3-3;
11. A school psychologist or guidance counselor who is certified by the New Jersey State Department of Education and who is employed by, and whose services are rendered in or for, a public or private school. No exemption shall be permitted to any school psychologist/counselor not certified by a governmental department of the State of New Jersey and not employed in an exempt setting as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3 and N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)1 and (b) unless otherwise authorized by law;
12. A professional counselor or associate counselor licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-1 et seq., as amended by P.L. 1993, c.340;
13. A licensed marriage counselor;
14. A licensed occupational therapist;
15. A licensed physical therapist;
16. A career counselor registered pursuant to N.J.S.A. 34:8-65 et seq.; and
17. Any other category of practitioners specifically authorized by law to perform work of a psychological nature consistent with the accepted standards of their respective professions/occupations.

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

13:42-1.6 Ineligibility for exemption

A person denied a permit or license for reasons other than clear educational deficiency, or whose permit or license has been suspended, revoked or limited by the Board, shall be deemed ineligible to be employed in an exempt setting as defined in or to qualify for practice under N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6 except by order of the Board.

SUBCHAPTER 2. INITIAL QUALIFICATIONS**13:42-2.1 Application; qualifications to sit for examination**

(a) An applicant for licensure shall file with the Board an application together with all supporting material. The application form requests a brief summary of educational and employment experience. Supporting material required to be submitted with the application includes official transcripts; an abstract of the applicant's doctoral dissertation as published in Dissertation Abstracts International; and two certificates of good moral character. Documentation of two years of full time or full time equivalent supervised experience in the practice of psychology is required upon the applicant's completion of such experience.

(b) In order to be eligible to sit for the examination, an applicant shall have two years of full time or full time equivalent supervised experience in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:42-4, and:

1. An earned doctorate, which meets the criteria set forth in (d) through (i) below, in the field of psychology from an educational institution recognized by the Board;
2. An earned doctorate, which meets the criteria set forth in (d) through (i) below, in a field allied to psychology; or
3. Equivalent training as set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.3.

(c) The institution at which the applicant earned his or her doctorate shall have been fully accredited during the entirety of the applicant's attendance by an accrediting body generally recognized within the national academic community. Alternatively, an educational institutional program shall have been granted continuous provisional accreditation by a recognized regional or national entity during the entirety of the applicant's attendance, with full accreditation having been awarded within five years of the candidate's graduation.

(d) No more than one-third of the doctoral credits shall have been transferred from other regionally/nationally accredited graduate schools.

(e) The doctoral degree must be based upon at least 40 doctoral credit hours earned specifically within the field of psychology and within a doctoral program requiring personal attendance at the degree-granting institution. Thirty-six of the required 40 credit hours shall be distributed across the following areas of graduate study:

1. Personality Theory and Human Development Theory: six credits;
2. Learning Theory and/or Physiological Psychology: six credits;
3. Psychological Measurement and Psychological Assessment: six credits;
4. Psychopathology: six credits;
5. Psychological therapy/counseling or Industrial/Organizational Psychology: six credits; and
6. Research and Statistical Design: six credits.

(f) The applicant shall submit evidence of an additional 20 credit hours, also specifically in the field of psychology, but which were not necessarily obtained as part of the doctoral program. The additional 20 credits can have been granted at a pre-doctoral or post-doctoral graduate level and must have been obtained as part of an educational program in a regionally accredited institution.

(g) If the Board finds the psychological nature of the dissertation or of any course submitted as fulfilling the requirements of this section to be questionable, the Board may, prior to making a determination, consult with the chairperson of the graduate department of psychology of the degree-granting institution and the chairperson of the graduate department in which the degree was earned, or with any other expert designated by the Board.

(h) The Board may, in its discretion, recognize up to six credits for a dissertation which is psychological in nature. The six credits may be used either to satisfy the requirement of having at least 40 doctoral credit hours specifically within the field of psychology and earned within a doctoral program, or to satisfy a credit deficiency in one or more of the required distribution areas of doctoral study.

(i) The Board may, in its discretion, accept up to nine credits, taken at a regionally accredited school or university, to remediate a deficiency in the requirements of (e) and (f) above.

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

13:42-2.2 Academic degree in a field allied to psychology

(a) An applicant for licensure based on receipt of an earned doctoral degree in a field allied to psychology shall arrange for transmittal to the Board of an official copy of all undergraduate and graduate transcripts from a regionally and/or nationally accredited educational institution or one

which is recognized by the New Jersey State Department of Higher Education and by the Board.

(b) The doctorate degree must meet the criteria set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-2.1(d) through (f), and the doctoral dissertation must be psychological in nature.

13:42-2.3 Equivalent training

(a) An applicant for licensure based on equivalent training shall submit evidence to the Board that the applicant has all of the following equivalent training:

1. An earned doctorate based upon a dissertation which is clearly psychological in nature from a regionally and/or nationally accredited educational institution or one which is recognized by the New Jersey State Department of Higher Education and by the Board; or, if the dissertation is not clearly psychological in nature, authorship of work in a refereed scholarly publication which work the Board deems to be clearly psychological in nature and equivalent to a dissertation; and

2. Extensive experience, subsequent to receipt of the earned doctorate and for at least the five years immediately preceding application, in the field of applied psychology. The applicant's work in the field of applied psychology must be generally accepted by the local and/or regional psychological community as meeting the standards of professional psychological practice and contributing substantially to that community; and

3. Substantial formal post-doctoral study in a training program accredited by a bona fide accrediting body acceptable to the Board.

4. Meets all requirements of New Jersey law other than passing of the oral examination in this State;

5. Has had at least two years of active post-doctoral experience in the practice of applied psychology within the four years immediately preceding application;

6. Has had no disciplinary action taken against a license to practice psychology held in any other state;

7. Provides the Board with a specific written plan for the practice of psychology in this State during the one-year term of unsupervised practice including, but not limited to, the number and kind of cases to be assumed, any affiliation or association with another mental health care provider in this State, and a statement in regard to whether the permit holder will be billing clients for psychological services directly or through another entity such as an employer; and

8. Has filed an application for licensure with the Board.

(b) The holder of a temporary permit pursuant to (a) above shall, within 90 days of issuance of the permit, submit to the Board a work sample for oral examination. Failure to meet this deadline may, upon notice to the permit holder, result in revocation of the permit.

(c) The permit holder shall complete the examination process before the expiration of the permit.

(d) The permit holder shall assume only the number and kind of cases that can be readily transferred to a licensed psychologist in the event the permit holder fails the examination or has his or her permit suspended or revoked prior to the expiration of the one-year period.

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Rewrote the section.

SUBCHAPTER 3. ONE-YEAR UNSUPERVISED AND THREE-YEAR SUPERVISED TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR TRAINING PENDING ORAL EXAMINATIONS

13:42-3.1 One-year unsupervised permit

(a) The Board shall issue a numbered temporary permit for the unsupervised practice of psychology for a period not to exceed one year to a psychologist who:

1. Holds a license in good standing as a psychologist in another state with licensure requirements substantially similar to those of this State;

2. Otherwise qualifies for licensure pursuant to the Practicing Psychology Licensing Act, N.J.S.A. 45:14B-1 et seq.;

3. Has not engaged in any act or practice which would be the basis for denying a permit under the Uniform Enforcement Act, N.J.S.A. 45:1-14 et seq.;

13:42-3.2 Three-year supervised permit

(a) The Board shall issue a numbered temporary permit for the supervised practice of psychology for a period not to exceed three years to a qualified individual who meets all requirements of New Jersey law, including the Practicing Psychology Licensing Act, N.J.S.A. 45:14B-1 et seq., other than the requisite number of hours of post-doctoral supervised experience and/or passing of the written and oral examinations and has not engaged in any act or practice which would be the basis for denying a permit under the Uniform Enforcement Act, N.J.S.A. 45:1-14 et seq. An applicant for licensure who has not completed the requirement for post-doctoral supervised experience shall be required to obtain a three-year supervised permit and comply with all of the provisions of this subchapter including those applicants who intend to obtain the supervised experience in a practice or facility that is otherwise exempt pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6, N.J.S.A. 45:14B-8, or N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.2 through 1.5.

(j) A supervisor shall not enter into supervisory arrangements involving a potential conflict of interest such as, but not limited to, arrangements with:

- i. Family members;
- ii. Those with whom the supervisor has close personal associations;
- iii. Those with whom the supervisor has financial relationships (such as creditor-debtor), other than as specifically permitted by N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.6; or
- iv. Those with whom the licensee has a therapist/client relationship.

13:42-4.5 Supervision of individuals exempt from licensure

(a) A psychologist may supervise services of a psychological nature rendered in:

1. A private practice setting by a health care professional exempt from licensure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-8; and
2. An exempt non-profit bona fide community organization as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3.

(b) The supervisor shall ensure that the exempt supervisee complies with all Board regulatory requirements (including preparation of client records) and with accepted standards of professional and ethical practice of the exempt agency or exempt health care professional.

New Rule, R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

13:42-4.6 Financial arrangements between supervisor and supervisee

(a) Financial arrangements between the supervisor and supervisee shall be reasonable and may take into account the special teaching arrangement which forms the context of the relationship. For example, the supervisor may:

1. Designate the supervisee as an "independent contractor under supervision," if permitted by tax authorities;
2. Designate the supervisee as a part-time employee; or
3. Agree to pay the supervisee the entirety of the client fees charged by the supervisor.

(b) The supervisor shall charge the supervisee separately, if at all, for the supervision itself or for ancillary costs such as rent for use of premises, equipment, malpractice insurance, etc.

Recodified from 13:42-4.5 by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).
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See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

Deleted former (a) and recodified former (b) through (c) as new (a) through (b).

SUBCHAPTER 5. EXAMINATION

13:42-5.1 Board-approved written examination; oral examination

(a) A candidate who has been admitted to sit for examination shall take the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology sponsored by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB). A passing score shall be that as established by the ASPPB at the time of the examination.

(b) A candidate who passes the written examination shall then take an oral examination of his or her professional practice based on a work sample in accord with guidelines to be supplied to the candidate by the Board and as follows:

1. The candidate shall within 90 days of notification of successful completion of the written examination, present a current work sample representative of the candidate's present practice. For the purposes of this rule, "current" work sample is defined to mean a work sample either in progress or where the treatment services were terminated within one year before the submission of the work sample. The dates of client service shall be specifically mentioned on the cover page.

2. The candidate shall identify the work sample by the area of the candidate's specialty.

3. The text of the work sample shall be typed and double spaced and shall not exceed 20 pages in length. All tests and protocols used as the basis for professional intervention shall be presented as appendices.

(c) The examiner(s) shall tape the oral examination for the purpose of creating a record. The candidate shall not tape the oral examination.

Amended by R.1995 d.369, effective July 17, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 1754(a), 27 N.J.R. 2696(a).
Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.
See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

In (b)1, substituted a reference to 90 days for a reference to 45 days.
Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).
Rewrote (a) and (b)1.

13:42-5.2 Examination review procedures

(a) A candidate who fails the written examination may request a handscoring of answer sheets, copy of individual answer sheet or role-feedback as available from the Professional Examination Service (PES). The candidate shall be responsible for payment of any fees required by the PES. The candidate's written request for review must reach the Board's Executive Director within 45 days of the date of the letter of notification of examination results.

(b) A candidate who fails the oral examination may request a review of his or her oral examination tape. The candidate's written request for review must reach the Board's Executive Director within 45 days of the date of the

letter of notification of examination results. The Executive Director will make the tape of the oral examination available to the candidate at the Board office on a mutually convenient date. Neither the candidate nor an agent of the candidate may tape the Board's copy of the oral examination tape during this or any review of the tape of the oral examination.

(c) Following review of the examination tape, a candidate who failed the oral examination may request reconsideration of the decision. The candidate's written request for reconsideration must reach the Board's Executive Director within 45 days of the date of the examination review. The request for reconsideration must be limited to no more than 5 8/2 inch by 11 inch sized pages, single spaced, with normal size type set and standard margins. Only one side of the page may be used.

(d) The Board shall grant a request for reconsideration only upon the candidate's showing of good cause establishing that the request is meritorious and made in good faith. Good cause for this purpose shall mean:

1. Proof of unusual circumstances surrounding the examination which adversely and significantly influenced the candidate's performance;
2. Proof that the scope of the examination conducted did not sufficiently address the candidate's professional work sample;
3. Proof of examiner bias against the candidate, the candidate's orientation or kind of work; or
4. Proof of a substantial and material error on the part of the examiners.

(e) If, upon review of the written request for reconsideration, the Board determines that the candidate has demonstrated good cause for reconsideration, the Board may designate a subcommittee to review the matter and make a recommendation to the Board after conducting such inquiry or investigation as the subcommittee deems necessary. The subcommittee shall subsequently present to the Board the following information in closed session: the basis for the request for reconsideration; the reasons advanced by the applicant for changing the Board's previous decision; and the subcommittee's recommendation to sustain, modify, overturn or vacate the Board's previous decision and the reasons for that recommendation.

(f) The Board shall promptly mail to the candidate a copy of the Board's final decision and supporting reasons.

(g) A transcript of the oral examination may be prepared by a shorthand reporter, at the candidate's expense, only if the transcript is required for appellate review by the Superior Court.

13:42-5.3 Out-of-State psychologists; admittance to oral examination

(a) An out-of-State psychologist shall be admitted to take the oral examination in New Jersey provided the individual can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she:

1. Has taken the Board-approved written examination in another state;
2. Has passed the examination at the minimum level established by the Board and in effect at the time of application; and
3. Meets all other requirements for licensure, including submission of a work sample as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:42-5.1(b).

(b) An out-of-State psychologist, who can demonstrate proof of meeting all requirements for licensure other than the Board-approved written examination and who can demonstrate satisfactory completion of 20 years of licensed, responsible and competent practice in another state, shall be admitted to take the oral examination in New Jersey.

(c) The Board shall not recognize licensing examinations other than the Board-approved examination sponsored by an individual state or other entity, if completed subsequent to January 1, 1980.

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).
Rewrote (b).

13:42-5.4 License without examination

(a) A psychologist who holds a diploma from the American Board of Professional Psychology awarded by examination, and who meets all other requirements of New Jersey law, shall be licensed following satisfactory completion of an oral interview with the Board or designated member(s) thereof.

(b) A psychologist who holds the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) Certificate of Professional Qualification (CPQ) in psychology and who meets all other requirements of New Jersey law, shall be licensed following satisfactory completion of an oral interview with the Board or designated member(s) thereof.

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).
Designated former section as as (a); added (b).

13:42-5.5 Subversion of the licensing examination process

(a) Any individual found by the Board to have engaged in conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert the licensing examination process may, at the discretion of the Board, have his or her scores on the licensing examination withheld or declared invalid, be found ineligible for licensure, be disqualified from the practice of the pertinent profession, and/or be subject to the imposition of other appropriate sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22.

(b) Conduct which subverts or attempts to subvert the licensing examination process includes:

1. Conduct which violates the security of the examination materials, such as removing from the examination room any of the examination materials; taping, reproducing or reconstructing any portion of the licensing examination; aiding by any means in the reproduction or reconstruction of any portion of the licensing examination; or selling, distributing, buying, receiving or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a current or future licensing examination;
2. Conduct which violates the standard of test administration, such as communicating with any other examinee during the administration of the licensing examination; copying answers from another examinee or permitting one's answers to be copied by another examinee during the administration of the licensing examination; or having in one's possession during the administration of the licensing examination any copying or taping equipment, or any books, notes, written or printed materials or data of any kind, other than the examination materials distributed; or
3. Conduct which violates the credentialing process, such as falsifying or misrepresenting educational credentials or other information required for admission to the licensing examination, impersonating an examinee, or having an impersonator take the licensing examination on one's behalf.

13:42-5.6 Failure of examination; when retaking permitted

(a) The written examination may be retaken in accordance with the rules established by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB) provided that all applicable requirements have been satisfied.

(b) The oral examination may be retaken only as follows:

1. First reexamination no sooner than six months after the first examination;
2. Successive reexamination no sooner than one year after the date of the previous reexamination;
3. After the first failure and each subsequent failure, the Board may mandate additional training, educational casework and/or supervision prior to reexamination.

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).
Rewrote the section.

SUBCHAPTER 6. BOARD FEES

13:42-6.1 Board fees

(a) Charges for examinations, licensure and other services are:

1. Application fee: \$125.00.
2. Examination fee: \$350.00 written, \$200.00 oral.
3. Initial license fee:
 - i. During the first year of a biennial license renewal period: \$300.00.
 - ii. During the second year of a biennial license renewal period: \$150.00.
4. License renewal fee, biennial: \$300.00.
5. Late renewal fee in addition to biennial renewal:
 - i. Up to 30 days late: \$75.00.
 - ii. Over 30 days late: \$150.00.
6. Reinstatement fee in addition to biennial renewal fee: \$ 300.00.
7. Temporary permit:
 - i. \$110.00 plus \$50.00 for each additional supervisor.
 - ii. Review of extension request for one-year and three-year permits, each: \$25.00.
8. Replacement wall certificate: \$50.00.
9. Certification of licensure: \$35.00.
10. Duplicate renewal certificate: \$25.00.

(b) It is the candidate's responsibility to see that all mandated fees reach the Board office as follows:

1. Application, examination, re-examination and reinstatement fees are required to initiate Board action in one's behalf.
2. An initial license fee is required upon notice of successful completion of candidacy and before issuance of a license.
3. A license renewal fee must reach the Board office by June 30 of the renewal year in order to avoid a late renewal fee.
4. A late renewal fee must reach the Board office by December 31st of the renewal year in order to avoid removal from the licensee lists and a reinstatement fee prior to reinstatement.

Amended by R.1994 d.22, effective January 3, 1994.
See: 25 N.J.R. 3929(a), 26 N.J.R. 249(a).
Amended by R.1997 d.181, effective July 7, 1997.
See: 29 N.J.R. 309(a), 29 N.J.R. 2837(a).

In (a), raised fees throughout.
Amended by R.2001 d.125, effective April 16, 2001.
See: 33 N.J.R. 171(a), 33 N.J.R. 1204(a).

In (a)3i, substituted "\$300.00" for "\$530.00"; in (a)3ii, substituted "\$150.00" for "\$265.00"; in (a)4, substituted "\$300.00" for "\$530.00"; and in (a)7i, substituted "\$110.00" for "\$190.00".
Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

In (a)9, substituted "Certification" for "Verification".

SUBCHAPTER 7. ACCEPTABLE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

13:42-7.1 Independent practice

(a) A licensee practicing independently may employ or otherwise remunerate the following individuals to render professional services only in circumstances where quality control of the employed practitioner's professional practice can be and is lawfully supervised and evaluated by the licensee:

1. Other licensed practitioners to render services within the scope of practice of each employee's license; and
2. Practitioners who are authorized to practice psychology under an exemption from licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3.

(b) A licensee with a restricted or limited license to practice psychology as a result of a disciplinary action shall not employ a licensee or hire an independent contractor with an unrestricted or unlimited license to practice psychology.

(c) A licensee may employ ancillary non-licensed staff, limited to:

1. Clerical staff;
2. Permit holders;
3. Biofeedback technicians, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.3;
4. Neuropsychometric technicians, as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.4; and
5. A person engaged in the practice of alcohol, drug abuse or gambling intervention, prevention or treatment who is certified and providing such services in a private setting supervised by the licensee.

(d) Any additional types of employees or other remunerated licensed or certified mental health or health professionals other than those in (c) above may be employed within the professional practice only with the advance review and approval of the Board.

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).
Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.
See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).
Rewrote (b).
Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).
Rewrote (d).

13:42-7.2 Partnership, professional service corporation, or limited liability entity

(a) A licensee shall not practice psychology in a general business corporation except as provided in N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.5. A licensee may practice in any of the following business entities: partnership, professional service corporation, limited liability company, or limited liability partnership as long as the owners (partners, shareholders, members) of the entity consist solely of New Jersey licensed health care professionals. A licensee may practice in a business entity described in this section which itself is owned by one or more of the entities described so long as all of the owners of such entities are New Jersey licensed health care professionals and as allowed by law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:2B-1 et seq. In all business entities described in this section, each licensee who is an owner shall retain authority to exercise his or her own professional judgment within accepted standards of practice regarding care, skill and diligence in examinations, diagnosis and treatment of the licensee's individual clients.

(b) The professional services offered by each practitioner, whether a partner, shareholder, or member, shall be the same or shall be in a closely allied professional health care field.

(c) If the scope of practice authorized by law for each such person differs, any document used in connection with professional practice, including, but not limited to, professional stationery, business cards, advertisements of listings and bills, shall designate the field to which such person's practice is limited.

(d) The term "Associates" in the name of a professional office connotes an actual group enterprise such as a professional association or partnership. The term "Associates" shall not be utilized to refer to individuals sharing office expenses or rental space but practicing independently of each other or having the relationship of independent contractor.

Petition for Rulemaking.
See: 26 N.J.R. 263(a).
Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.
See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).
Rewrote (a); in (b), added "or member,".

13:42-7.3 Biofeedback; employer of biofeedback technician

(a) A licensed psychologist may perform or directly supervise the performance of appropriate biofeedback services in a clinical setting as a component of psychological services. Prior medical evaluation and supervision are not required for this psychological service.

(b) A licensed psychologist shall not diagnose, or offer to provide independent biofeedback treatment for a medical condition, a complaint of pain, or other significant physical symptom or condition that has not been medically evaluated. Following such evaluation, psychological biofeedback treatment may be offered in accordance with (a) above or (c) below.

(c) A licensed psychologist may, in a clinical setting, offer therapeutic or palliative biofeedback services in consultation with a licensed physician, as a component of an integrated psychological treatment program for a medically diagnosed condition reasonably believed to be amenable to such treatment.

(d) For purposes of this section, "biofeedback" means the application of bio-regulation procedures to the management of cognitive and physiological status. The feedback

may encompass smooth muscle, striated muscle, cardiac muscle, brain wave, blood pressure, skin conduction and other physiological measures.

(e) For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means that the licensee shall be constantly accessible, either on-site or through electronic communication, and available to render assistance when required and that the licensee shall retain full professional responsibility for client care and treatment.

(f) A licensee with specialized training in biofeedback may employ a biofeedback technician on the office premises, as appropriate to the primary practice of the employer, only under the following circumstances:

1. The licensee shall provide instruction to the technician; ascertain that the technician has received education and training appropriate for the work assigned; ensure that the technician obtains continuing education credits consistent with standards in the field; and regularly direct, supervise and monitor the technician's work;
2. The licensee shall provide direct supervision to the technician, as defined in (e) above; and
3. The activities of the technician shall be limited to:
 - i. Operating machinery for monitoring feedback, including positioning of the monitoring equipment; and
 - ii. Providing instruction in the use of the machinery to the client.

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

13:42-7.4 Employer of neuropsychometric technician

(a) For purposes of this section, "direct supervision" means that the licensee shall be constantly accessible, either on-site or through electronic communication, and available to render assistance when required and that the licensee shall retain full professional responsibility for client care and treatment.

(b) A licensee may employ a neuropsychometric technician as an assistant, for the purpose of administering certain classes of sensory, motor and other measures, only under the following circumstances:

1. The licensee shall provide instruction to the technician; ascertain that the technician has received education and training appropriate for the work assigned; ensure that the technician obtains continuing education credits consistent with standards in the field; and regularly direct, supervise and monitor the technician's work;
2. The licensee shall provide direct supervision to the technician, as defined in (a) above; and
3. The activities of the technician shall be limited to the administration of neuropsychological tests which have specific mechanical administration procedures and which do not require interpretation, querying of the examinees about individual items, or other judgments.

(c) The role of the technician is that of a paraprofessional assistant in test administration, and any deviation from that role shall be deemed the unauthorized practice of psychology.

(d) Specifically excluded from the scope of activities of the technician are administration of individual intelligence tests and projective techniques, which may be given only by

a licensed practicing psychologist, a permit holder under supervision, or a person doing work of a psychological nature in an exempt setting.

13:42-7.5 Shareholder or employee of a general business corporation

(a) A licensee may offer health care services as an employee of a general business corporation in this State only in one or more of the following settings. Any such setting shall have a designated director of psychological services or a medical director licensed in this State who is regularly on the premises and who (alone or with other persons authorized by the Department of Health, if applicable) is responsible for licensure verification, credentialing and quality control of the provision of psychological services.

1. The corporation is licensed by the New Jersey Department of Health as a health maintenance organization, hospital, long or short term care facility, or ambulatory care facility. Alternatively, the corporation may be another type of health care facility or corporate health care provider accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations. The above accredited corporate employers may include a facility which is a component part of a for-profit corporation employing or otherwise remunerating licensed psychologists, provided that the health care facility/provider has a formal credentialing process and quality control procedures, and service providers are supervised by a psychologist or physician licensed in this State and regularly on the premises.

2. The corporation is not in the business of offering treatment services to the public but maintains a clinic for the purpose of providing psychological services to employees and/or for monitoring the health environment of employees. The licensee rendering care or evaluation in this setting shall comply with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:42-8 regarding preparation, maintenance and release of treatment and health monitoring records;

3. The corporation is a non-profit corporation sponsored by a union, social, religious or fraternal organization providing health care services to members only; and/or

4. The corporation is an accredited educational institution which maintains a medical or psychological service clinic for health care service to students and faculty.

(b) A licensee may also have an equity or employment interest in a general business corporation which offers to contract with a licensed practitioner or professional service corporation to provide services exclusively of a non-professional nature such as routine office management, hiring of non-professional staff, provision of office space and/or equipment and servicing thereof, and billing services. The general business corporation shall make no determination regarding establishment of client fees or modification or waiver thereof in an individual case and shall make no

representations to the public of offering, under its corporate name, health care services which require licensure.

(c) A licensee employed or having an equity interest in any of the practice forms listed in (a) and (b) above shall terminate such employment or sever professional affiliation upon acquiring personal knowledge that the entity regularly fails to provide or observe the quality assurance mechanisms listed in N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.7 and refuses, upon request, to implement such mechanisms. A licensee terminating employment or affiliation with a general business corporation for reasons required by this section shall so notify the Board.

(d) Licensees who have been providing professional services in a business format which is inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall complete a transfer to an acceptable practice form as soon as possible but no later than May 1, 1994.

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

13:42-7.6 Managed health care plans

(a) For purposes of this section, "managed health care plans" include, but are not limited to, plans involving wholly or partially pre-paid medical/psychological services. By way of example, these include plans commonly described as health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, competitive medical/psychological plans, individual practice associations, or other similar designations.

(b) A licensee may enter into a plan agreement which provides interim remuneration to licensees by making provisional allocation of percentages of plan-member fees, whether denominated as reserves, pools, withholds, hold-backs, etc., for the purpose of funding all portions of the health services plan.

(c) A licensee may participate in a plan which requires a purchase of shares for the purpose of providing start-up funds, provided that any profits of the plan are paid solely in accordance with the principles listed in this section and the licensee complies with the following professional requirements:

1. The licensee retains authority at all times to exercise professional judgment within accepted standards of practice regarding care, skill and diligence in examinations, diagnosis and treatment of each client;
2. The licensee retains authority at all times to inform the client of appropriate referrals to any other health care providers:
 - i. Whether or not those persons are provider-members of the plan; and
 - ii. Whether or not the plan covers the cost of the non-member provider's services to the client;

3. Plan clients are informed that they may be personally responsible for the cost of treatment by a provider who is not a member of the plan or for treatment which the plan administration does not approve; and

4. Plan clients are informed of the financial arrangements between the licensee and the plan, including financial incentives and disincentives established by the plan affecting availability or provision of treatment or other psychological services to plan members.

(d) A licensee who is not a full or regular member of a managed health care plan may contract with a plan to render services to an insured person referred by the plan, provided that the licensee retains the authorities listed in (c)1 through 4 above.

(e) The licensee shall submit the bill for services rendered in one of the following ways:

1. To the client-insured;
2. To the managed health care plan, but only if billing is on a per-task or time unit basis and the plan is a professional organization established consistent with N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.1 or 7.2 or a licensed health care corporation as defined in N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.5(a)1.
3. To the employer/administrative entity of the client-insured if the employer is a wholly or partially self-insured health insurance plan or a multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA).

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

13:42-7.7 Conduct of professional practice; quality control

(a) A licensee shall establish policies and procedures with respect to licensed or exempt personnel who are employed by or under the supervision of the licensee. The policies and procedures shall include, but need not be limited, to the following:

1. Designation of a licensed practitioner responsible for:
 - i. Hiring professional staff and verifying current licensing credentials, permits or other educational/training credentials required by law or pertinent agency rule (for example, recertifications, continuing professional education, current biennial registration or permits, etc.); and/or
 - ii. The professional propriety of billing and of advertising or other representations;
2. Identification of the nature of the psychological services which shall be offered at the practice location;
3. Policies for maintenance, registration and inspection of professional equipment;

- 4. Standards for recordkeeping as to client records, billing records, and such other records as may be required by law or rule;
- 5. Policies for security, including confidentiality of client records; and
- 6. Procedures for periodic audit of client records and of professional services to assure quality professional care on the premises.

13:42-7.8 Real estate arrangements

(a) A licensee may be an owner, investor or lessor in real estate utilized for the conduct of a professional practice, provided that rent, dividends or any other forms of remuneration are received solely on the basis of the investment or fair market value, as applicable to the circumstances.

(b) A licensee may lease space to or from another licensed health care professional to whom clients are referred only where rent is a fixed fee determined by the fair market value, or less, and is for a regular term and not for sporadic use of the space.

(c) A licensee may lease professional space from a commercial entity on any arrangements consistent with standard business practice in the community, provided the arrangements do not affect the licensee’s professional discretion in matters including choice of clients, professional services offered, or fees.

(d) The establishment of any lease, investment or other commercial relationship for the conduct of professional practice other than as set forth in this section shall require Board approval for good cause shown.

- 1. The location of treatment, evaluation or consultation;
- 2. The client name, address and telephone number;
- 3. The client complaint on intake;
- 4. Medical history recognized as of potential significance;
- 5. Past and current medications;
- 6. Significant social history;
- 7. Findings on appropriate examination;
- 8. Raw data and interpretation of tests administered;
- 9. Current functional impairments and rating levels thereof;
- 10. A diagnostic impression;
- 11. Contemporaneous and dated progress or session notes including specific components of treatment, evaluation or consultation;
- 12. Dates of all treatment, evaluation or consultation sessions;
- 13. An evaluation of progress (if applicable);
- 14. A prognosis;
- 15. The client identity on each page;
- 16. Fees charged and paid;
- 17. The identity of each provider of treatment, evaluation or consultation (and supervisor, if any); and
- 18. If services are rendered by a permit holder, the written disclosure form signed by the client as required by N.J.A.C. 13:42-4.4(f).

**SUBCHAPTER 8. CLIENT RECORDS:
CONFIDENTIALITY**

13:42-8.1 Preparation and maintenance of client records

(a) A licensee shall prepare and maintain separately for each client a permanent client record which accurately reflects the client contact with the licensee whether in an office, hospital or other treatment, evaluation or consultation setting.

(b) A licensee shall make entries in the client record contemporaneously with the services provided. A licensee may dictate an entry for later transcription, provided the transcription is dated and identified as “preliminary” until the licensee reviews the transcription and finalizes the entry in the client record.

(c) The licensee shall include in the client record material pertinent to the nature and extent of the professional interaction, for example:

(d) The client record shall contain information regarding referrals to other professionals together with reports and records provided by other professionals and integrated into the client’s treatment, evaluation or consultation report.

(e) A licensee may make corrections or additions to an existing record provided that each change is clearly identified as such, dated and initialed by the licensee. Any other alteration of records shall be deemed professional misconduct.

(f) When records are to be maintained as confidential, the licensee shall establish and maintain a procedure to protect such records from access by unauthorized persons.

(g) The licensee shall retain the permanent client record for at least seven years from the date of last entry, unless otherwise provided by law.

(h) The licensee shall establish procedures for maintaining the confidentiality of client records in the event of the licensee’s relocation, retirement, death, or separation from a

group practice, and shall establish reasonable procedures to assure the preservation of client records which shall include at a minimum:

1. Establishment of a procedure by which patients can obtain treatment records or acquiesce in the transfer of those records to another licensee or health care professional who is assuming the responsibilities of that practice;
2. Publication of a notice of the cessation and the established procedure for the retrieval of records in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic location of the licensee's practice, at least once each month for the first three months after the cessation; and
3. Making reasonable efforts to directly notify any patient treated during the six months preceding the cessation, providing information concerning the established procedure for retrieval of records.

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

Rewrote (h).

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

In (c)18, amended N.J.A.C. reference.

13:42-8.2 Use of personal or other computer to prepare client records

(a) A licensee who prepares a client record maintained solely on a personal or other computer shall use a write-protected program which:

1. Contains an internal permanently activated date and time recordation for all entries;
2. Automatically prepares a back-up copy of the file; and
3. Is designed in such manner that, after the licensee "signs" by means of a confidential personal code ("CPC"), the entry cannot be changed in any manner.

(b) Notwithstanding the permanent status of a prior entry, the licensee may make a new entry at any time and may indicate correction to a prior entry.

(c) The licensee shall include in the client record at least two forms of identification; for example, name and record number or any other specific identifying information.

(d) The licensee shall finalize or "sign" the entry by means of a CPC. Where more than one individual is authorized to make entries into the computer file of any client record, the licensee responsible for the practice shall assure that each such person obtains a CPC and uses the program in the same manner.

(e) A licensee wishing to continue a system of computerized client records which does not meet the requirements of this section shall promptly initiate arrangements for modification of the system, which must be completed by November 1, 1994. In the interim, the licensee shall, on the date of the first treatment of each client treated subsequent to November 1, 1993, print out a hard copy of the entire computer recorded client record. The printout shall be dated and initialed by the licensee. Thereafter, a hard copy shall be prepared for each subsequent visit, continuing to the date of the changeover of computer program, with each page initialed by the licensee. The initial printout and the subsequent hard copies shall be retained as a permanent part of the client record.

13:42-8.3 Access to copy of client record

(a) For purposes of this section, "authorized representative" means, but is not necessarily limited to, a person designated by the client or a court to exercise rights under this section. An authorized representative may be client's attorney or an agent of a third party payor with whom the client has a contract which provides that the third party payor be given access to records to assess a claim for monetary damages or reimbursement.

(b) A licensee may require the record request to be in writing. No later than 30 days from receipt of a request from a client or duly authorized representative, the licensee shall provide a copy of the client record and/or billing records, including reports relating to the client. Limitations on this requirement are set forth in (e) below and N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.6(b) and in N.J.A.C. 13:42-11.

(c) The licensee may elect to provide a summary of the record, as long as the summary adequately reflects the client's history and treatment, unless otherwise required by law.

(d) A licensee may charge a reasonable fee for the preparation of a summary and reproduction of records, which shall be no greater than an amount reasonably calculated to recoup the costs of transcription or copying.

(e) A licensee may withhold information contained in the client record from a client or the client's guardian if, in the reasonable exercise of his or her professional judgment, the licensee believes release of such information would adversely affect the client's health or welfare.

1. That record or the summary, with an accompanying explanation of the reasons for the original refusal, shall nevertheless be provided upon request of and directly to:

- i. The client's attorney;
- ii. Another licensed health care professional; or
- iii. The client's health insurance carrier (except as may be limited by N.J.A.C. 13:42-11).

(f) Records maintained as confidential pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.1(c) shall be released:

1. If requested or subpoenaed by the Board or the Office of the Attorney General in the course of any Board investigation;
2. Pursuant to an order of a court of competent jurisdiction;
3. Except as limited by N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.4, upon a waiver of the client or an authorized representative to release the client record to any person or entity, including to the Violent Crimes Compensation Board; or
4. In order to contribute appropriate client information to the client record maintained by a hospital, nursing home or similar licensed institution which is providing or has been asked to provide treatment to the client.

(g) The licensee's obligation hereunder to release information shall include the obligation to complete forms or reports required for third party reimbursement of client treatment expenses. The licensee may charge reasonable fees for completion of reports other than health insurance claim forms, for which no fee may be charged pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-12.

(h) When a request is made for release of already completed reports to enable the client to receive ongoing care by another practitioner, the licensee shall not require prior payment for the professional services to which such reports relate as a condition for making such reports available. A licensee may, however, require advance payment for a report prepared for services as an expert witness.

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.
See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

In (g)1, inserted "Board" preceding "investigation".
Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

In (a), deleted the former third sentence; in (b), amended the N.J.A.C. references; deleted former (e) and recodified former (f) as new (e) and amended the N.J.A.C. reference in liii; recodified former (g) through (i) as (f) through (h), and deleted "or for use in judicial proceedings" following "another practitioner" in new (h).

13:42-8.4 Access by a managed health care plan to information in client record

(a) With regard to a client whose treatment cost is covered by a wholly insured health insurance plan, or a multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA), including a managed health care plan, a licensee shall make available, on request of the client or duly authorized representative with the client's consent, all information required, but only pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-11.4.

(b) A psychologist whose client has explicitly waived the psychologist-client privilege established by N.J.S.A. 45:14B-28 may release requested information deemed professionally appropriate, not limited by the constraints of the Peer Review Law, to a third-party payor whose benefit plan

is qualified under the Federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA); that is:

1. The plan of a self-insured employer or an entity providing administrative services to that employer for the purposes of determining entitlement to benefits; or
2. An employer's "stop-loss" plan (i.e., a plan in which an employer self-insures up to a certain amount and then purchases excess insurance beyond that amount from an insurance company).

13:42-8.5 Confidentiality

(a) A licensee shall preserve the confidentiality of information obtained from a client in the course of the licensee's teaching, practice or investigation. However, the licensee shall reveal the information to appropriate professional workers, public authorities and the threatened individual(s) or their representatives only, if in the licensee's judgment, exercised in accordance with the standards of the profession, any one of the following circumstances occur:

1. There is a clear and imminent danger to the individual or the public;
2. There is probable cause to believe that an identifiable potential victim of a client is likely to be in danger; or
3. Release of such information is otherwise mandated by law, such as, but not limited to, N.J.S.A. 2A:62A-17.

(b) In the case of a client's death:

1. Confidentiality survives the client's death and a licensee shall preserve the confidentiality of information obtained from the client in the course of the licensee's teaching, practice or investigation;
2. The disclosure of information in a deceased client's records is governed by the same provisions for living patients set forth in N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.3, 8.4 and 8.5; and
3. A licensee shall retain a deceased client's record for at least seven years from the date of last entry, unless otherwise provided by law.

(c) A licensee may discuss the information obtained in clinical or consulting relationships, or in evaluating data concerning children, students, employees and others, only for professional purposes and only with persons clearly connected with the case.

(d) A licensee may reveal, in writing, lectures or other public forums, personal information obtained during the course of professional work only as follows:

1. With prior consent of the clients or persons involved; or
2. Where the identity of the client or person involved is adequately disguised.

(e) A licensee may share confidential communications with other parties interested therein, in a non-public forum, only where the original source and other persons involved have given their express permission to do so.

(f) A licensee may reveal the identity of research subjects only if the subjects have granted explicit permission.

(g) A licensee may release confidential documents, testimony or other information contained in the client record only in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.3 and this section.

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

Added new (b); recodified former (b) through (f) as new (c) through (g).

13:42-8.6 Minors

(a) Unless otherwise ordered by a court, if the client is a minor, a parent or legal guardian will be deemed to be an authorized representative, as defined at N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.3(a). When the patient is more than 14 years of age, but has not yet reached the age of majority, the authorization shall be signed by the patient and by the patient's parent or legal guardian, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-36(e).

(b) This section shall not require a licensee to release to a minor's parent or guardian records or information relating to the minor's sexually transmitted disease, termination of pregnancy or substance abuse or any other information that in the reasonable exercise of the licensee's professional judgment may adversely affect the minor's health or welfare.

(c) Unless otherwise ordered by a court, at least one parent or guardian shall consent to the treatment of a minor. If one parent consents, a licensee may treat a minor even over the objection of the other parent.

(d) The provisions at N.J.A.C. 13:42-8.3, 8.4 and 8.5 shall apply to access to client records, access by a managed health care plan to information in client record and confidentiality of minors.

New Rule, R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

SUBCHAPTER 9. ADVERTISING

13:42-9.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this subchapter, the following terms shall have the indicated meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Advertisement" means an attempt directly or indirectly by publication, dissemination or circulation in print, electronic or other media which directly or indirectly induces or attempts to induce any person or entity to purchase from a Board licensee, or enter into an agreement to purchase, services, treatment or goods related thereto.

"Board licensee" means any professional licensee of the State Board of Psychological Examiners.

"Electronic media" include, but are not limited to, radio, television, telephone, Internet and other electronic means of communication.

"Professional service" means a service which a Board licensee or professional association performs or lawfully authorizes a person under supervision to perform.

"Print media" includes newspapers, magazines, periodicals, professional journals, telephone directories, circulars, handbills, flyers, billboards, signs, direct mail, matchcovers, business cards, stationery and other items disseminated by means of the printed word.

"Range of fees" means a statement of fees containing an upper and lower limit on the fees charged for services or goods offered by a Board licensee.

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

In "Electronic media", deleted a former second sentence; and in "Print media", inserted references to business cards and stationery, and deleted a former second sentence.

13:42-9.2 Advertising; general requirements

(a) A Board licensee (but not a permit holder) may provide information to the public by advertising in print or electronic media.

(b) A licensee shall be able to substantiate the truthfulness of any material, objective assertion or representation set forth in an advertisement, when requested by the Board to do so.

(c) A licensee who is a principal, partner or officer of a firm or entity identified in an advertisement which offers psychological services or goods shall be responsible for the form and content of any advertisement disseminated by or on behalf of a licensee affiliated with the firm.

(d) A licensee shall assure that an advertisement does not misrepresent, suppress, omit or conceal a material fact. Omission, suppression or concealment of a material fact includes use of any print, language or format which directly or indirectly obscures a material fact under circumstances where the licensee knows or should know that the omission is improper or prohibits a prospective client from making a full and informed judgment on the basis of the information set forth in the advertisement.

13:42-9.3 Minimum content of advertising

(a) All licensee advertisements and public representations, including advertisements in a classified directory, business card and professional stationery, but not including an office entry sign, shall contain the following:

1. The licensee's name and license number; and
2. The address and telephone number of the licensee's practice location.

(b) If the advertisement utilizes a business name, then the name and license number of at least one licensee responsible for the psychological service practice in the facility shall appear in the advertisement.

(c) A licensee may petition the Board for waiver of the requirement to list street address for good cause. A licensee shall submit a request for a waiver in writing which shall detail the reason(s) for the request which may include, but is not limited to, the maintenance of personal or family safety.

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.
See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

Rewrote (a) and (b).

13:42-9.4 Use of professional credentials and certifications

(a) A licensee shall accurately and objectively represent his or her competence, education, training and experience in all advertisements and professional representations.

(b) Advertisements which include information on professional credentials shall contain the highest academic degrees attained relating to the practice of psychology and shall refer only to degrees obtained from an accredited academic institution or an academic institution acceptable under the rules of the New Jersey State Department of Higher Education.

(c) A licensee may include in an advertisement degrees earned from bona fide accredited educational institutions. A licensee also may include in an advertisement, certifications obtained from bona fide accrediting bodies so long as the name of the accrediting body is identified and the discipline in which the certification was obtained is specified in the advertisement.

(d) Nothing in this section shall preclude any truthful and non-deceptive statement in regard to education or experience in a particular area of psychology.

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.
See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

In (a), added "in all advertisements and professional representation"; and rewrote (c).

13:42-9.5 Advertising making reference to or setting forth a fee; required disclosures

(a) Advertising making reference to or setting forth a fee shall be limited to that which contains a fixed or a stated range of fees for specifically described professional services.

(b) Advertising making reference to or setting forth a fee shall include the following disclosures:

1. All relevant and material variables and considerations which are ordinarily included in the advertised services so that the fee will be clearly understood by prospective clients. In the absence of such disclosures, the stated fees shall be presumed to include everything ordinarily required for the advertised services;

2. A specific delineation of additional services contemplated and the fee to be charged therefor. In the absence of such disclosures, the licensee shall be prohibited from charging an additional fee for the advertised service; and

3. The time period during which the advertised fee will remain in effect. In the absence of such disclosure, the advertisement shall be deemed to be effective for 30 days from the date of the advertisement's initial publication.

(c) The advertisement of a fee shall not preclude downward adjustment or waiver of a fee between the professional and the client in individual circumstances.

13:42-9.6 Use of testimonials

(a) A licensee may use an advertisement containing either a lay or an expert testimonial provided that:

1. The testimonial is based upon the testimonial giver's personal knowledge or experience obtained from a past, completed provider relationship with the licensee or upon the testimonial giver's direct personal knowledge of the subject matter of the testimonial; and

2. The licensee obtains, prior to the use of the testimonial, a signed, notarized statement and release indicating the testimonial giver's willingness to have his or her testimonial used in the advertisement.

(b) A layperson's testimonial shall not attest to any technical matter beyond the testimonial giver's competence to comment upon.

(c) An expert testimonial shall be rendered only by an individual possessing specialized expertise sufficient to allow the rendering of a bona fide statement or opinion.

(d) A licensee shall be able to substantiate any objective, verifiable statement of fact appearing in a testimonial. The failure to do so, if required by the Board, may be deemed professional misconduct.

13:42-9.7 Prohibited types or methods of advertising

(a) A licensee shall not make any statement or claim or make use of any professional format which is false, fraudulent, misleading or deceptive with regard to the performance of professional services or accepted standards of professional practice.

(b) A licensee shall not use the word "doctor" or an otherwise incomplete and misleading designation when offering to perform professional services without also indicating that the licensee is a psychologist.

(c) A licensee shall not guarantee that satisfaction or a cure will result from the performance of professional services.

(d) A licensee shall not claim or use any secret or special method of treatment and/or diagnostic technique which the licensee refuses to divulge to the Board.

(e) A licensee shall not make claims of professional superiority with regard to services or goods offered or with regard to apparatus, equipment or technology utilized unless the licensee can substantiate such claims.

(f) A licensee shall not communicate any fact, data or information which may identify a client without the client's written consent.

(g) A licensee shall not offer or promote a professional service which the licensee knows or should know is beyond the licensee's ability to perform.

(h) A licensee shall not permit an advertisement to contain any technique or communication which appears to intimidate, exert undue pressure or unduly influence a prospective client.

(i) A licensee shall not engage, either directly or indirectly through an agent, employee or representative, in any in-person solicitation with a prospective client, except that a licensee may offer to a business entity, or its representative, psychological services to be provided to a class of persons.

13:42-9.8 Retention of advertisements

(a) The licensee shall retain, for a period of three years from the date of initial publication or dissemination, a copy of every advertisement appearing in print media as well as a video or audio tape of every advertisement communicated by electronic media. All advertisements in the licensee's possession shall indicate the accurate date and place of publication.

(b) A licensee who advertises through the use of testimonials shall maintain documentation relating to the testimonial for a period of three years from the date of the last use of the testimonial. Documentation shall include, but not be limited to:

1. The name, address and telephone number of the testimonial giver identified in the advertisement;
2. The type and amount or value of compensation; and
3. The notarized statement and release required pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-9.6(a)2.

(c) The licensee shall make copies of all advertisements and documentation concerning testimonials available for review upon request by the Board or its designee.

13:42-9.9 Misleading implications of licensure

(a) A person not licensed under the Practicing Psychology Licensing Act is prohibited from implying licensure under the Act by using a title or description which, when used in combination with other circumstances, would lead a reasonable person to think that the individual is a licensed psychologist or is authorized to perform professional services which only a licensed psychologist can offer. Examples of such conduct, whether for recompense or not, include:

1. Representing that he or she has:
 - i. A graduate degree or is a candidate therefor in psychology or an allied field;
 - ii. Membership in psychological organizations;
 - iii. Training or certification in applied psychological methods; or
 - iv. Professional association and identification with a licensed psychologist, unless the individual is the holder of a duly authorized and valid Board permit or is otherwise duly authorized to engage in a health care profession with a psychologist; or
2. Using names or professional or occupational titles including "counselor," "psychotherapist," "therapist," "analyst," and related terms or forms unless clearly qualified by reference to another profession or group exempt from licensure under the Act pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-8 and N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.5 or other applicable law.

Amended by R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

SUBCHAPTER 10. GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF A LICENSEE**13:42-10.1 Posting of practice authorization**

Every licensee shall prominently display in every place of conducting independent practice the following notice:

(Name of Individual) is licensed by the Board of Psychological Examiners, an agency of the Division of Consumer Affairs. Any member of the consuming public may notify the Board of any complaint relative to the practice conducted under this license at the Division of Consumer Affairs, Board of Psychological Examiners, Post Office Box 45017, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

Deleted (b); codified former (a) as an uncodified paragraph.

13:42-10.2 Notification of change of address; service of process

(a) Each licensee and permit holder shall notify the Board, in writing, within 30 days of any change in the address on file with the Board and shall specify whether the address is a residence or employment address.

(b) Service of an administrative complaint or other process initiated by the Board, the Attorney General or the Division of Consumer Affairs at the address on file with the Board shall be deemed adequate notice for the commencement of any inquiry or disciplinary proceeding.

13:42-10.3 (Reserved)

Repealed by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

Section was "Prohibition on unethical referrals".

13:42-10.4 Professional responsibilities to the Board, other regulatory authorities, or the public

(a) Where not otherwise specified in this section, the term "licensee" includes holders of licenses and holders of temporary permits issued by the Board.

(b) A licensee shall meet professional responsibilities to the Board, to other regulatory authorities, and to the public as determined by accepted standards of practice, law or rules.

(c) A licensee shall respond within 30 days or sooner, as specified, to written communication from the Board, the Attorney General or the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs and shall make available all records required with respect to a complaint from a client or as otherwise deemed necessary regarding the licensee's conduct. The response period commences on the date of the communication to the licensee's last reported address.

(d) A licensee shall maintain competence consistent with professional responsibilities, including the following:

1. A licensee shall remain abreast of standards of practice in the profession by means of securing continuing education such as training, experience or counsel and through professional journals;

2. A licensee-teacher shall base academic instruction primarily upon material the licensee reasonably believes to be accurate, current and scholarly;

3. A licensee shall obtain competent professional assistance in order to determine whether to voluntarily suspend, terminate or limit the scope of the licensee's professional and/or scientific activities which are foreseeably likely to lead to inadequate performance or harm to a client, colleague, student or research participant;

4. A licensee shall refuse to engage in or condone hiring, promotion or training practices that are inhumane or that result in illegal or otherwise unjustifiable discrimination on the basis of race, handicap, age, gender, sexual preference, religion or national origin; and

5. A licensee shall practice only in his or her area of competence, consistent with his or her training, experience, education or supervision, and shall make appropriate referrals to practitioners of related or other professions.

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

Rewrote (d)5.

13:42-10.5 Maintaining competence in testing situations

(a) A licensee who utilizes psychometric instruments in assessment shall be required to have completed foundational course work in psychometric theory/tests and measurement and graduate level course work in individual assessment. Completion of a workshop or continuing education in the use of a specific test shall not be substituted for the required foundational course work.

(b) A licensee responsible for development and standardization of psychological tests and other assessment techniques shall utilize established scientific procedures and observe relevant professional standards.

(c) Psychometric instruments shall be administered in the manner prescribed in the technical manual which accompanies the psychometric instrument, unless an extenuating circumstance exists, such as an unforeseen or unusual circumstance pertaining to a particular client, in which case psychometric instruments may be administered by alternative procedures. If a test is administered by alternative procedures, then the impact of such deviations on reliability, validity, or fairness shall be addressed in the report. While it is recognized that there are differing schools of thought in the psychological literature regarding issues of test fairness, use of appropriate norms, and appropriate item content for various subgroups, licensees shall be responsible for employing psychometric instruments in a nondiscriminatory manner and with sensitivity to cultural differences. Licensees shall present the results of assessments and their interpretations in such a way as to minimize the potential for misuse by others.

(d) A licensee shall make reasonable efforts to avoid use of obsolete testing measures. This subsection shall not be construed, however, to require the use of a more recent edition of an instrument if, in the licensee's professional judgment, a previous version is more appropriate for the particular assessment.

(e) Licensees who employ computerized narrative reports shall have the knowledge, skill and ability to interpret the scales of the instrument independently. Licensees shall not rely on the interpretations contained in a computerized narrative report as though the report were individually tailored specifically for that examinee. Statements in the narrative shall be evaluated in the context of the facts of the case and the licensee's own impressions of the test subject. Licensees shall be responsible for conclusions and recommendations based on computerized narrative reports and shall not be relieved of such responsibility by the use of a computerized narrative report.

(f) A licensee shall not sponsor or supervise the use of psychological assessment techniques by persons who are not in an appropriate psychological or closely-related field or who are otherwise unqualified.

(g) A licensee shall administer or supervise the administration of all testing materials on premises and consistent with accepted standards of practice.

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.
See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

Rewrote (a), (c) and (e); added second sentence to (d).

13:42-10.6 Research

(a) A licensee shall observe research requirements consistent with accepted standards of practice including, but not limited to, the following:

1. A licensee shall minimize the possibility that research findings will be misleading and shall not knowingly publish misleading or false findings;
2. A licensee shall provide thorough discussion of the limitations of the published data and alternative hypotheses, especially where the work touches on social policy or might reasonably be construed to the detriment of persons in specific age, sex, ethnic, socio-economic or other identifiable social groups;
3. In reporting research results, a licensee shall reveal contrary or disconfirming data or acknowledge the existence of alternative hypotheses and explanations of the findings;
4. A licensee shall acknowledge the authors of work in proportion to their professional contribution; and
5. A licensee shall treat research participants ethically and ensure ethical treatment of them by collaborators, assistants, students and employees.

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).
Rewrote (a)3.

13:42-10.7 Reporting of violations of other licensees

(a) A licensee shall promptly notify the Board when in possession of information which reasonably indicates that another licensee has demonstrated an impairment, gross incompetence, repeated acts of incompetence or professional misconduct which would present an imminent danger to a client or to the public health, safety or welfare.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) above, when a licensee in the course of a professional relationship with a client who is not a licensee of the Board obtains information from the client about another licensee's suspected unlawful conduct, the licensee shall report the information only with the written permission of the client or authorized representative.

(c) Notwithstanding the requirements of (a) above, a licensee who acquires knowledge of impairment, gross incompetence, repeated acts of incompetence or professional misconduct in the course of treating a client-psychologist or an individual exempt from licensure pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-1.3 and N.J.S.A. 45:14B-8 shall not be obligated to notify the Board if:

1. The treating psychologist reasonably believes that the improper conduct has ceased and that the treatment is preventing a recurrence of the impairment, incompetence or professional misconduct; or
2. The treating psychologist has reasonable cause to believe that the incompetent psychologist or exempt professional is currently receiving professional supervisory and educational measures which are reasonably likely to protect clients against gross incompetence.

(d) A licensee acquiring privileged information of drug or alcohol abuse in the course of treating a client-psychologist or exempt professional in a substance abuse treatment program governed by Federal law shall, as required by Federal law, first obtain authorization for release of such information from a court of competent jurisdiction or shall obtain the client's written consent to release the information.

(e) A licensee is not exempt from reporting any information otherwise mandated by law, such as, but not limited to, P.L.1974, c.119, reporting of an abused child as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.8 et seq.

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).
Rewrote the section.

13:42-10.8 Professional interactions with clients

(a) A licensee shall not abandon or neglect a client in need of professional care without making reasonable arrangements for the continuation of such care or offering to help the client find alternative sources of assistance.

13:42-10.12 Billing

(a) The licensee's bill shall include at least the following information:

1. The licensee's name, license number, tax identification number and original signature, except in the case of electronic billing, where an original signature is not required;
2. The street address and telephone number of the practice location;
3. The dates and nature of professional services including, in connection with treatment, whether individual or group;
4. Diagnosis and insurance codes, if required or requested;
5. In a practice setting where services are provided by more than one practitioner, the name and license number of the licensee who provided the services being billed; and
6. Fees. The licensee shall identify which part, if any, of the services billed were provided by a technician at the direction of and under the supervision of the licensee pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:42-7.3 and 7.4 and shall adjust the fee downward accordingly.

(b) A licensee billing for services rendered by a permit holder or an exempt professional practicing under supervision shall include all of the following information on the bill in addition to the information required pursuant to (a) above:

1. The name and permit number of the supervisee. If the supervisee is practicing pursuant to a Board letter of authorization issued prior to the effective date of this rule, a copy of said letter shall be provided to the client with the first billing statement;
2. The dates, if any, when the client was seen personally by the supervisor; and
3. A statement that treatment was rendered by the supervisee under the supervision of the supervisor.

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.
See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

In (a)1, added “, except in the case of electronic billing, where an original signature is not required”.

13:42-10.13 Conflicts of interest; dual relationships

(a) A licensee shall not refer a client to a health care service in which the licensee has any financial or significant beneficial interest unless the licensee has:

1. Disclosed that he or she has a financial interest; and
2. Provided an alternative referral source.

(b) A licensee shall not prescribe goods or devices which the licensee sells or leases to the client, unless as follows:

1. The goods or devices are an integral part of the professional treatment for that client;
2. The item and its fee (if any) are specified on the billing statement under the licensee's professional office name; and
3. Any fee is set at a level which does not exceed a recoupment of the reasonable actual expense to the licensee for provision of the goods or devices. The burden of justifying the fee shall be on the licensee.

(c) A licensee shall not enter into or continue any treating relationship, or supervisory relationship of another person offering clinical services, in which he or she has any family, personal, financial or beneficial interest other than that arising from the therapist-client relationship. Examples of such relationships include, but are not limited to, spousal-spousal supervision, parent-child supervision, child-parent supervision, intimate partner supervision.

(d) A licensee shall not enter into any dual relationship. Examples of such dual relationships include, but are not limited to, professional treatment of employees, tenants, students, supervisees, close friends or relatives. Entering into any business relationships or paying or bartering for any services provided by any current client shall also be prohibited.

(e) A licensee who recognizes the existence of a conflict of interest or dual relationship shall take action to terminate the conflict or the dual relationship.

(f) A licensee shall not enter into financial arrangements with clients which are likely to impair professional judgment. Improper financial arrangements shall include, but are not limited to, loans (whether borrower or lender) or assumption of liabilities for debt.

(g) A licensee shall not enter into a financial arrangement or any other potentially exploitive relationship with a former client which is likely to be the product of judgment impaired by the former relationship.

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

Rewrote (a).

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:42-10.14 Prohibition on referral fees and fee splitting

(a) A licensee shall not pay, offer to pay or receive any fee or other form of compensation for referral of a client for professional services or for the purchase of goods. This subsection shall not prohibit a licensee from:

1. Paying a flat fee for regular advertising services;
2. Paying a flat fee for the licensee's placement on a commercially sponsored “referral list” of licensed health care providers; or

3. Contributing a fee to a professionally sponsored referral service.

(b) A licensee shall not permit the division of fees for professional services other than among licensed health care professionals in the same or in a closely allied professional health care field engaged in a bona fide partnership, professional service corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, employment relationship, or between a licensee and an applicant for licensure who is working under the supervision of the licensee pursuant to a Board issued temporary permit. A licensee shall not divide fees for professional services rendered to a client with a psychologist practicing as an independent contractor. This subsection shall not prohibit a licensee from charging a flat fee to an independent contractor on a per hour or per service basis to coverage expenses.

(c) This section shall be construed broadly to effectuate its remedial intent.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 26 N.J.R. 263(a).

Amended by R.2000 d.476, effective December 4, 2000.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3218(a), 32 N.J.R. 4260(a).

Rewrote (b).

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

In (a)3, deleted "for provision of low-cost psychotherapy to screened clients" following "referral service"; in (b), added the third sentence.

13:42-10.15 Supervision of individuals exempt from licensure

(a) A psychologist may supervise services of a psychological nature rendered in

1. A private practice setting by a health care professional exempt from licensure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:14B-8; and

2. An exempt non-profit bona fide community organization as defined in N.J.S.A. 45:14B-6(a)3.

(b) The supervisor shall ensure that the exempt supervisor complies with all Board regulatory requirements (including preparation of client records) and with accepted standards of professional and ethical practice of the exempt agency or exempt health care professionals.

13:42-10.16 Client accessibility to therapist of choice

A licensee shall not enter into any business agreement that interferes with or restricts the ability of a client to see or continue to see his or her therapist of choice.

New Rule, R.1995 d.332, effective June 19, 1995.

See: 26 N.J.R. 4738(a), 27 N.J.R. 2422(a).

Amended by R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

Rewrote the section.

13:42-10.17 License renewal; active/inactive

(a) Licenses shall be renewed biennially upon a form provided by the Board.

(b) The Board shall send a notice of renewal to each of its licensees at least 60 days prior to the expiration of the license. If the notice to renew is not sent at least 60 days prior to the expiration date, no monetary penalties or fines shall apply to the holder for failure to renew.

(c) Every holder of a license issued or renewed by the Board who seeks renewal shall submit a renewal application and pay a renewal fee prior to the date of expiration of the license. If the holder does not renew the license prior to its expiration date, the holder may renew the license within 30 days of its expiration date by submitting a renewal application and paying a renewal fee and a late fee. Any license not renewed within 30 days of its expiration date shall be suspended without a hearing.

(d) Any individual who continues to practice with an expired license after 30 days following its expiration date shall be deemed to be engaged in the unlicensed practice of psychology, even if no notice of suspension has been provided to the individual.

(e) Renewal applications for all licenses shall provide the applicant with the option of either active or inactive renewal. A renewal applicant electing to renew as inactive shall not engage in the provision of psychology services within the State.

(f) An applicant who selects the inactive renewal option shall remain on inactive status for the entire renewal period unless, upon application to the Board, the Board permits the inactive applicant to return to active status.

New Rule, R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

13:42-10.18 Reinstatement

Pursuant to the Uniform Enforcement Act, N.J.S.A. 45:1-1 et seq., the Board may reinstate the license of an applicant whose license has been suspended for failure to renew provided that the applicant otherwise qualifies for licensure.

New Rule, R.2004 d.140, effective April 5, 2004.

See: 35 N.J.R. 5039(a), 36 N.J.R. 1815(a).

SUBCHAPTER 11. ACCESS TO TREATMENT INFORMATION IN DESIGNATED HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS

13:42-11.1 Purpose and scope

(a) This subchapter implements the provisions of P.L. 1985, c.256 (N.J.S.A. 45:14B-31 et seq.), which limits the scope of and establishes procedures by which clients may authorize licensees to disclose confidential information upon the request of an insurer or other third-party payor. The following provisions of (b) through (d) below apply, unless the third-party payor is: