



# Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Notice

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**Reminder**

## Licensed Addiction Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Professional Counselors, and Social Workers

### Licensing Requirements for Out-of-State Mental Health Practitioners Practicing via Telehealth in Montana

This provider notice serves as a reminder to enrolling and revalidating out-of-state mental health practitioners of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry Board of Behavioral Health's licensing requirements for providing mental health services via telehealth to clients located in Montana.

Per the Montana Board of Behavioral Health:

Telehealth/telepractice is a method of delivery of services and not a specific type of license or practice. To practice under the scope of the professions licensed under this board you must be licensed in the state of Montana (e.g., where the services are occurring) or be exempt from licensure in Montana.

Click on the below links to view the statutory exemptions from licensure for different license types. Note that laws concerning telepractice/telehealth vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction so you should also check with the regulatory entity in the jurisdiction where you are licensed with regard to its laws.

- [MCA 37-22-305\(3\) – Licensed Clinical Social Worker \(LCSW\)](#)
- [MCA 37-23-201\(4\) – Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor \(LCPC\)](#)
- [MCA 37-35-201\(2\) and \(3\) – Licensed Addiction Counselor \(LAC\)](#)
- [MCA 37-37-201\(5\)– Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist \(LMFT\)](#)
- [MCA 37-37-202 \(2\) – Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist \(LMFT\)](#)
- [MCA 37-38-201\(2\) and \(3\) – Certified Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist \(CBHPSS\)](#)

Please note the MCA reference and associated links are subject to change pursuant to [House Bill 137](#).

## Contact and Website Information

For questions regarding Children's Mental Health Services, contact the Program Officer for the Children's Mental Health Bureau, Brittany Craig, at (406) 444-6018 or email [Brittany.Craig@mt.gov](mailto:Brittany.Craig@mt.gov).

For questions regarding Adult Mental Health or SUD Services, contact the Program Officer for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Chelsey Hallsten, at (406) 444-9330 or email [Chelsey.Hallsten@mt.gov](mailto:Chelsey.Hallsten@mt.gov).

For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at (800) 624-3958 or (406) 442-1837 or email [Montana Provider Relations Helpdesk](#).

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Visit the [Contact Us page](#) of the website for a list of program contact numbers.