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Public Workshop SB162 – Psychology Board Changes and Changes to Medicaid

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Objectives

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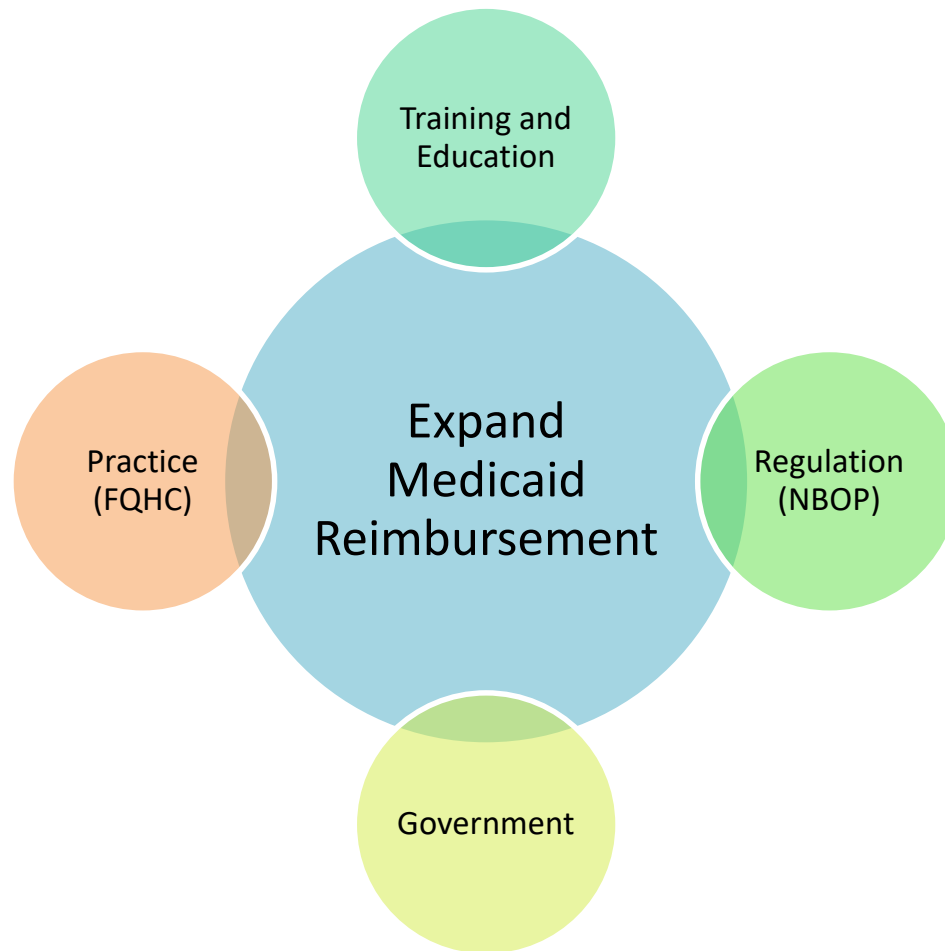


Background and Rationale

- Nevada ranks in the highest prevalence rates of serious mental and behavioral health challenges in the nation and lowest in numbers of mental health professionals (47th in the nation for psychologists per capita)
- Excellent services are provided by psychology students in training (under supervision) but we lacked a financially viable system to support workforce development in Psychology



Solution





SB162

- Defines and recognizes 3 training levels in the workforce pipeline toward becoming a Psychologist
 - Pre-Doctoral Trainee (aka doctoral practicum student)
 - Pre-Doctoral Intern
 - Psychological Assistant (aka postdoc)



SB162 Cont.

- Establishes guidelines for registration of each of these levels
 - Trainees may register (must if supervisors will seek Medicaid reimbursement for services)
 - Interns may register (must if supervisors will seek Medicaid reimbursement for services)
 - Psychological assistants must register (Approved postdoc year is a requirement for full licensure)



SB162 Cont.

- Authorizes the Board of Psychological Examiners to:
 - conduct background (fingerprint) checks,
 - set fees for registration,
 - renew registrations within certain time limits,
 - establish rules and regulations regarding registration including but not limited to parameters of required supervision and training plans



SB162 Cont.

- Authorizes Nevada Medicaid reimbursement to a Psychologist who supervises eligible services rendered by a:
 - psychological assistant,
 - psychological intern,
 - or psychological trainee.



Board of Psychology Timeline

- ✓ NAC (rules and regs) language development in public workshops
- ✓ Submit to LCB for review and formal regulation draft
- Review draft from LCB
 - Workshop, edit and return to LCB as needed
 - ✓ Submits drafts to Commission on Behavioral Health for feedback
- Board votes to public hearing
- Final draft to Legislative Commission's Subcommittee for review and final approval



Changes for Medicaid

- Trainees, Interns, and Assistants will have their services billed by the direct Supervisor and not directly by the trainee.
- Trainees, Interns, and Assistants will no longer be required to be under a Behavioral Health Community Network (BHCN).
- Interns and Assistants are currently enrolled as QMHP's.
 - These individuals will be disenrolled under the QMHP and services will be billed under the Psychology Supervisor
- Revisions to the Medicaid Services Manual (MSM) and State Plan Amendment (SPA) will be developed.

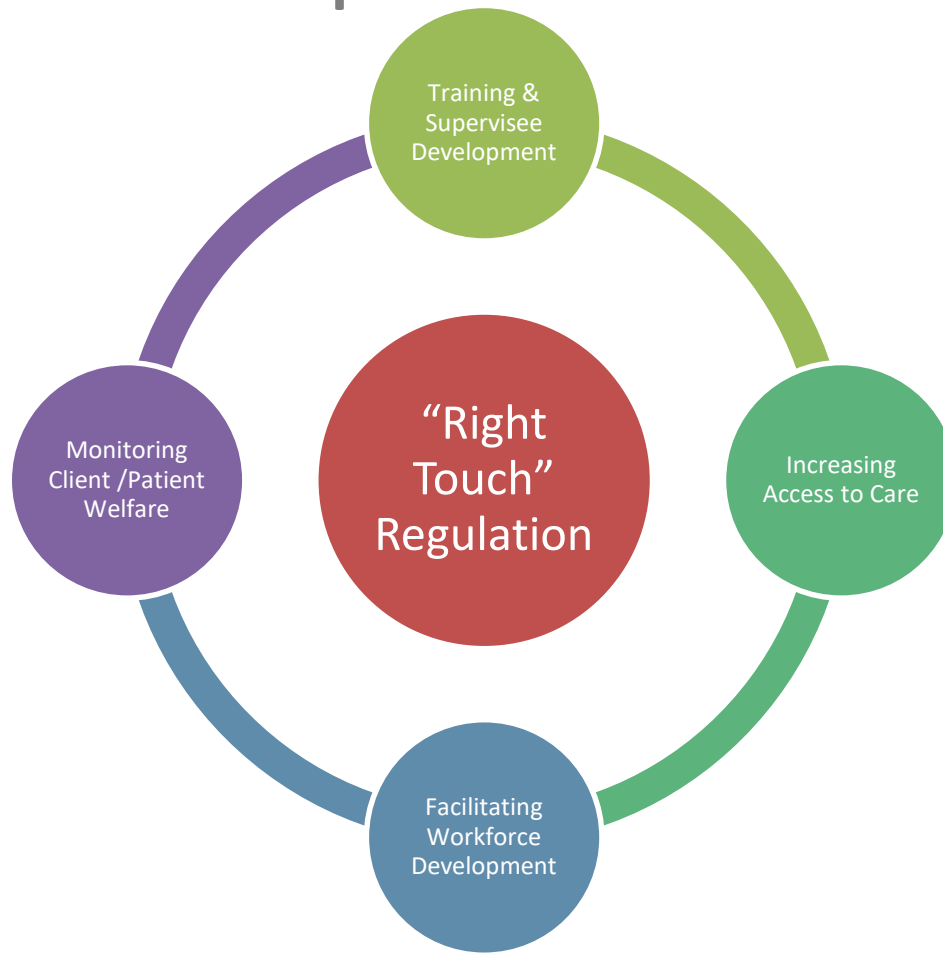


Medicaid Timeline

- ✓ Public Workshop June 20th, 2018
- Pending final NAC draft approval
- Submit draft MSM and SPA for Internal Review Process
- Final MSM and SPA draft to Public Hearing
- SPA sent to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and approval
- Implementation of new Policy (MSM and SPA)
- Implementation of Enrollment Requirements



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Questions?