

September 9, 2019

RE: proposed rule change under 21 NCAC 54.2008

Mr. Collins,

This letter is written in support of proposed rule change under 21 NCAC 54.2008. I am a Master's Level Psychologist born and raised in North Carolina. I have been practicing in NC since I was licensed in 1999. My undergraduate work was at UNC – Chapel Hill and I attended graduate school at Appalachian State University. My undergraduate internship was at John Umstead Psychiatric Hospital in Butner, NC, and my graduate internship was with the NC Department of Corrections. I graduated with highest honors and distinction from both universities and also received the UNC-CH Dashiell-Thurstone prize in Psychology for the best senior honors thesis.

I first worked for the NC Department of Corrections after receiving licensure and now I am employed by Appalachian Regional Behavioral Health as a Psychologist and the Outpatient Behavioral Health Program Manager. I also volunteer as a Mental Health Clinician for NC LEAP (Law Enforcement Assistance Program), NC DPS (Department of Public Safety), and HAP (Humanitarian Assistance Program).

I am absolutely devoted to the citizens of this states as this is my home and my people. However, I have been limited in practice over the past 20 years by the never-ending supervision requirement. This requirement has limited my practice by curtailing my ability to be credentialed by multiple insurance providers. Also, as a manager, we do not hire Master's Level Psychologists because of these severe limitations in credentialing and reimbursement.

I firmly believe that patients are negatively impacted by this rule. I know that I would much rather have Master's Level Psychologists working for me as practitioners than the other licensures that I am forced to hire.

I am not against time-limited supervision for new graduates and new licenses as this is sound and prudent. However, career long supervision does not add anything to my practice and actually harms people who would benefit from the skills, practices and expertise that Psychologists bring.

Please support this proposed rule change under 21 NCAC 54.2008 for LPA independence. I am happy to talk to you about this in person if you would like.

Sincerely,

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