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Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section (PLIS)

*Licenses approximately 65 professions including:

physicians, nurses, dentists, social workers, hairdressers, psychologists, behavior analysts, art therapists, occupational therapists, embalmers/funeral directors, veterinarians, etc.

*Approximately 250,000 individuals licensed or certified

*1,200 - 1,500 complaints for investigation annually



Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section (PLIS)

*elicense.ct.gov

- *Online application process
- *Applicants can check status of application through their account
- * Public can verify licensure status
- * Licensees are responsible for ensuring all required documentation is sent to Department
- *License is generally issued 10-15 days once the Department receives a completed application with all relevant documents



Practitioner Licensing & Investigations Section (PLIS)

License Categories	Number of Licensees (07/18/2022)
LMSW	4,415
LCSW	8,557
LPCA	968
LPC	3,833
MFTA	477
MFT	1,744
Psychology	2,417
Physicians with reported psychiatric specialty	2,828
APRNs with reported psychiatric specialty	1,468
Total	26,707



Public Act 22-47 An Act Concerning Children's Mental Health

- * Section 1: DPH will consult with DCF to develop and implement a plan to waive licensure requirements for mental health providers licensed in other states with a priority given to children's providers (report due 1/1/23)
- * Section 2: Expands an existing law on expedited licensure for health care providers licensed in other states by eliminating current provisions limiting it to state residents or spouses of active-duty military members stationed in CT. (effective 10/1/22)
- * Section 3: Extends, until June 30, 2024, the duration of temporary master social worker permits from 120 days to one year after attaining a master's degree and specifies that they are not void solely because the applicant fails the examination



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Section 5: Allows out-of-state social workers, under certain conditions, to provide telehealth services to residents of other states while the residents are in Connecticut, until July 1, 2024

Section 6: Requires DPH, within available appropriations, to establish a need-based program that waives application and licensure fees for certain applicants who will provide children's mental or behavioral health services



Public Act 22-81 - An Act Expanding Preschool & Mental & Behavioral Services for children

- Section 17: Requires DPH, in consultation with the DSS, to establish a pilot program to expand behavioral health care to children by pediatric care providers in private practices (by 7/1/23)
- Section 26: Requires DPH, in consultation with OEC, to develop and implement a plan to establish licensure by reciprocity or endorsement for speech and language pathologists or occupational therapists licensed elsewhere and who intend to provide services under the Birth-to-Three program (by 1/1/23)
- Section 30, 32, 33: Extends PA 21-9's temporary expanded telehealth requirements for the delivery of telehealth services by one year to June 30, 2024, and makes minor changes



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- Section 42: Enters Connecticut into the Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact, which provides a process authorizing psychologists to practice by (1) telehealth and (2) temporary inperson, face-to-face services across state boundaries, without requiring psychologist licensure in each state (10/1/22)
- Section 43: Enters Connecticut into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, which provides an expedited licensure process for physicians seeking to practice in multiple states (10/1/22)



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Questions?

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Thank you