

State law chart: Psychologist prescribing¹

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| Title | Prescription Authority for Certain Psychologists and Making Penalties Applicable (Iowa Code § 154B.12) | Clinical Psychologist Licensing Act (225 I.L.C.S. 15) | Professional Psychologist Act (N.M.S.A. §61-9-1 <i>et seq.</i> , N.M.A.C. §16.22.1 <i>et seq.</i>) | Licensure and Regulations of Psychologists (La. R.S. §37:2351 <u>as amended by Act No.251, effective July 1, 2009</u>) |
| Key definitions | <p>“Board” means the board of psychology.</p> <p>“Collaborative practice agreement” means a written agreement between a prescribing psychologist and a licensed physician that establishes clinical protocols, practice guidelines, and care plans relevant to the scope of the collaborative practice. The practice guidelines may include limitations on the prescribing of psychotropic medications by psychologists and protocols for prescribing to special populations including patients who are less than seventeen years of age or over sixty-five years of age, patients who are pregnant,</p> | <p>“Collaborating physician” means a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches in Illinois who generally prescribes medications for the treatment of mental health disease or illness to his or her patients in the normal course of his or her clinical medical practice.</p> <p>“Prescribing psychologist” means a licensed, doctoral level psychologist who has undergone specialized training, has passed an examination as determined by rule, and has received a current license granting prescriptive authority under Section 4.2 of this Act that has not been</p> | <p>“Collaborative relationship” means a cooperative working relationship between a prescribing psychologist or a psychologist with a conditional prescription certificate and a health care practitioner (M.D., D.O., N.P.) in the provision of patient care, including diagnosis and cooperation in the management and delivery of physical and mental health care.”</p> <p>“Conditional prescription certificate” means a document issued by the board [of psychologist examiners] to a licensed psychologist that permits the holder to prescribe psychotropic medication under the supervision of a licensed</p> | <p>“Certificate of prescriptive authority” means a certificate issued by the state psychology board granting the authority to a medical psychologist to prescribe and distribute drugs.</p> <p>“Drug” means controlled substances except narcotics, but limited to those agents related to the diagnosis and treatment of mental and emotional disorders</p> <p>“Narcotic” means natural and synthetic opiod analgesics, and their derivatives used to relieve pain. Medical psychologists may not administer or prescribe a narcotic.</p> |

¹ The provisions in this comparison document reflect the major elements of the Iowa, Illinois, New Mexico and Louisiana psychologist prescribing statutes and regulations. For detailed information, please refer to the Iowa Board of Psychology (www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/publications/lgi/86/attachments/ssb1093.html), New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department (www.rld.state.nm.us/Psychology/ruleslaw.html), the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (www.lsbep.org), and the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (www.lsbme.louisiana.gov).

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| | <p>and patients with serious medical conditions including but not limited to heart disease, cancer, stroke, seizures, and patients with developmental disabilities and intellectual disabilities.</p> <p>“Collaborative relationship” means a cooperative working relationship between a prescribing psychologist or a psychologist with a conditional prescription certificate and a licensed physician in the provision of patient care, including diagnosis and cooperation in the management and delivery of physical and mental health care.</p> <p>“Conditional prescription certificate” means a document issued by the board to a licensed psychologist that permits the holder to prescribe psychotropic medication under the supervision of a licensed physician pursuant to this chapter.</p> <p>“Physician” means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in this state who is board-certified in family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, or another specialty who prescribes medications for the treatment of a mental disorder to patients in the normal course of the person’s clinical medical practice pursuant to joint rules adopted by the board of psychology and the board of medicine.</p> <p>“Prescribing psychologist” means a licensed</p> | <p>revoked or suspended from the Department.</p> <p>“Prescriptive authority” means the authority to prescribe, administer, discontinue, or distribute drugs or medicines.</p> <p>“Prescription” means an order for a drug, laboratory test, or any medicines, including controlled substances as defined in the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.</p> <p>“Drugs” has the meaning given to that term in the Pharmacy Practice Act.</p> <p>“Medicines” has the meaning given to that term in the Pharmacy Practice Act.</p> | <p>physician pursuant to the Professional Psychologist Act. A licensed psychologist holding a conditional prescription certificate may prescribe psychotropic medication under the supervision of a licensed physician pursuant to the Act; the conditional prescription certificate is valid for two years.</p> <p>“Drug or substance” means substances recognized as drugs in the official U.S. pharmacopoeia, official homeopathic pharmacopoeia of the U.S. or official national formulary or any respective supplement to those publications. It does not include devices or their components, parts, or accessories.</p> <p>“Prescribing psychologist” means a licensed psychologist who holds a valid prescription certificate</p> <p>“Prescription certificate” means a document issued by the board to a licensed psychologist that permits the holder to prescribe psychotropic medication pursuant to the Act.</p> <p>“Psychotropic medication” means a controlled substance or dangerous drug that may not be dispensed or administered without a prescription and whose primary indication for use has been approved by the federal food and drug administration for the treatment of mental disorders and is listed as a psychotherapeutic agent in drug facts and comparisons or in the American hospital formulary service</p> | <p>“Medical psychologist” means the psychologist who has undergone specialized training in clinical psychopharmacology and has passed a national proficiency examination in psychopharmacology approved by the board and who holds a current and valid license from the board. A medical psychologist shall have at least three years training, primary experience, or both, in diagnosis and treatment of mental illness.</p> <p>“Psychologist” means a clinical or medical psychologist who is licensed to practice psychology in Louisiana</p> |

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| | <p>psychologist who holds a valid prescription certificate.</p> <p>“Psychotropic medication” means a medicine that shall not be dispensed or administered without a prescription and that has been explicitly approved by the FDA for the treatment of a mental disorder, as defined by the most recent version of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association or the most recent version of the international classification of diseases.</p> | | | |
| Regulating board(s) and composition | <p>The board shall appoint a prescribing psychologist rules subcommittee comprised of a psychologist appointed by the board, a physician appointed by the board of medicine, and a member of the public appointed by the director of public health to develop rules for consideration by the board pursuant to this section.</p> | <p>Illinois state board of psychologist examiners</p> <p>The board serves in an advisory capacity to the Secretary. The Board shall grant certification as prescribing psychologists to doctoral level psychologists licensed under this Act. The certification shall grant prescribing psychologists prescriptive authority to prescribe and dispense drugs. The Board shall develop and implement procedures and criteria for reviewing educational and training credentials for the certification process and the extent of prescriptive authority, in accordance with current standards of professional practice.</p> <p>Consists of 11 members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Four licensed clinical psychologists ▪ Two licensed clinical psychologists who are full time faculty members of accredited | <p>New Mexico state board of psychologist examiners</p> <p>Authorized to adopt and revise the rules and regulations necessary to carry into effect the provisions of the Professional Psychologist Act, including a code of conduct.</p> <p>Consists of eight members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ All must be N.M. residents ▪ Four licensed psychologists chosen by the governor from a list provided by the state psychological associations ▪ One psychologist ▪ Three public members | <p>Medical Psychology Advisory Committee</p> <p>Responsible for reviewing and recommending action on application for licensure, recommending educational requirements for other medical activities that may be provided by medical psychologists, recommending changes in related statutes and rules, as well as other activities as might be requested by the board. Consists of five members selected by the board:</p> <p>One member shall be a physician who is certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association equivalent in the specialty of psychiatry and who is licensed to practice medicine in this state selected from a list of names submitted by the Louisiana State Medical</p> |

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| | | <p>colleges/universities engaged in training clinical psychologists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Two licensed prescribing psychologists* ▪ Two physicians who generally prescribe medications for the treatment of mental health disease or illness (1 psychiatrist, 1 primary care or family physician) ▪ One public member <p>*The two initial appointees to the Board who are licensed prescribing psychologists may hold a medical or prescription license issued by another state so long as the license is deemed by the Secretary to be substantially equivalent to a prescribing psychologist license under this Act and so long as the appointees also maintain an Illinois clinical psychologist license.</p> <p>The two licensed prescribing psychologist members of the Board and the two physician members of the Board shall only deliberate and make recommendations related to the licensure and discipline of prescribing psychologists.</p> | | <p>Society and who is recommended by the Louisiana Psychiatric Medical Association and the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists.</p> <p>Four members shall be medical psychologists selected from a list of names recommended by the Louisiana Academy of Medical Psychologists.</p> <p>Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.</p> <p>Consists of five members: All must be U.S. citizens and residents of La.</p> <p>All are appointed by the governor from a list provided by the state psychological association; the list is determined from an election w/in the state psychological association</p> <p>Each member must have five years experience in practice, teaching, training or research</p> |
| Requirements for prescriptive authority | <p>Conditional prescription certificate</p> <p>Psychologists may prescribe under a conditional prescription certificate, valid for 4 years. An applicant for a conditional prescription certificate shall be granted a certificate by the</p> | <p>Qualifications to become a prescribing psychologist include a current license to practice clinical psychology in Illinois, as well as successful completion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Undergraduate prerequisite biomedical | <p>To be issued a conditional prescription certificate, the applicant must satisfy all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Completion of a doctoral program in psychology from an accredited institution of | <p>To be issued a medical psychology license, any medical psychologist must satisfy all of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holds a current and unrestricted license in good standing to practice psychology issued |

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| | <p>board if the applicant satisfies the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed pharmacological training from an institution approved by the board of psychology and the board of medicine Passed a national certification examination approved by the board of psychology and the board of medicine Completed a post-doctoral Master of Science degree in clinical pharmacology approved by the board of psychology and the board of medicine within five years immediately preceding the date of the application. Must be certified by the applicant's supervising physician as having successfully completed a supervised and relevant clinical experience in clinical assessment Possess malpractice insurance that will cover the applicant during the period the prescription certificate is in effect. Meets all other requirements as determined by the joint rules adopted by the board of psychology and the boards of medicine. <p>Prescription certificate</p> <p>To prescribe, a psychologist must possess a prescription certificate granted by the board. Applicant must fulfill the following requirements:</p> | <p>coursework similar to the prerequisites for entry to physician assistant training programs. These include, but are not limited to: Medical Terminology (class or proficiency); Chemistry or Biochemistry with lab (2 semesters); Human Physiology (one semester); Human Anatomy (one semester); Anatomy and Physiology; Microbiology with lab (one semester); and General Biology for science majors or Cell and Molecular Biology (one semester);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An additional 60 credit hours of graduate didactic biomedical coursework. These include, but are not limited to: Pharmacology; Clinical Psychopharmacology; Clinical Anatomy and Integrated Science; Patient Evaluation; Advanced Physical Assessment; Research Methods; Advanced Pathophysiology; Diagnostic Methods; Problem Based Learning; and Clinical and Procedural Skills; A full time 14-month supervised clinical training practicum of at least 36 credit hours, including a research project; during the clinical rotation phase, students complete rotations in Emergency Medicine, Family Medicine, Geriatrics, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Pediatrics, Psychiatrics, Surgery, and one elective of the students' choice. Program approval standards in accordance with those | <p>higher education or professional school; or, if the program was not accredited at the time of the applicant graduation, that the program meets professional standards determined acceptable by the board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensed in N.M. Successful completion of pharmacological training from an institution of higher education approved by the psychology board and the state board of medical examiners Passing score on a national certification exam approved by the psychology board and state board of medical examiners Within 5 years preceding the application, successful completion of a program of education approved by the board and state board of medical examiners consisting of didactic instruction of no fewer than 450 classroom hours in at least the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neuroscience Pharmacology Psychopharmacology Physiology Pathophysiology Appropriate and relevant physical and laboratory assessment; and | <p>by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holds a current and unrestricted certificate of prescriptive authority issued by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Holds a controlled and dangerous substance permit issued by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy. Holds a controlled substance registration issued by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration. Has successfully graduated with a post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology from a regionally accredited institution or has completed equivalent training to the post-doctoral master's degree approved by the board. The curriculum shall include instruction in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anatomy and physiology Biochemistry Neurosciences Pharmacology Psychopharmacology Clinical medicine/pathophysiology and health assessment, including relevant physical and |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possess a conditional prescription certificate and has successfully completed two years of prescribing psychotropic medication as certified by the supervising licensed physician ▪ Holds a current license to practice psychology in this state. ▪ Possess malpractice insurance that will cover the applicant as a prescribing psychologist ▪ Meet all other requirements set forth by the board <p>Requirements for prescription certificates for psychologists — joint rules</p> <p>1. The board of medicine and the board of psychology shall adopt joint rules in regard to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education and training requirements for prescription certificates pursuant to sections 154B.10 and 154B.11. ▪ Specific minimum standards for the terms, conditions, and framework governing the collaborative practice agreement and for governing the limitations on the prescriptions eligible to be prescribed and populations eligible to be prescribed to as specified in section 154B.1, subsection 2. <p>2. The board of medicine shall consult with the university of Iowa Carver college of medicine and clinical and counseling psychology</p> | <p>of the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant shall be set by the state Department of Health; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A National Certifying Exam, as determined by rule. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical pharmacotherapeutics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Also within 5 years preceding the application, certification by the applicant’s supervising psychiatrist or physician supervising the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 80-hour practicum in clinical assessment and pathophysiology • 400 hours supervised practicum treating no fewer than 100 patients | <p>laboratory assessment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Has passed a national exam in psychopharmacology approved by the board. ▪ Medical psychologists shall annually complete a minimum of twenty hours of approved continuing medical education relevant to the practice of medical psychology. <p>Medical psychologists who satisfy the requirements to obtain a medical psychology license and who possess all of the following additional qualifications to the satisfaction of the board shall be issued a certificate of advanced practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Three years of experience practicing as a medical psychologist. For those individuals licensed under R.S. 37:1360.55(A), such experience shall be deemed to have commenced with the issuance of the original certificate of prescriptive authority issued by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists. ▪ Treatment of a minimum of one hundred patients including twenty-five or more involving the use of major psychotropics and twenty-five or more involving the use of major |

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| | <p>doctoral programs at regents institutions in the development of the rules pertaining to education and training requirements in sections 154B.10 and 154B.11.</p> <p>3. The joint rules, and any amendments thereto, adopted by the board of medicine and the board of psychology pursuant to this section and section 154B.14 shall only be adopted by agreement of both boards through a joint rule-making process.</p> <p>Board authority over physicians supervising certain psychologists</p> <p>The board of medicine shall, in consultation with the board of psychology, establish by rule all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Specific minimum standards for the appropriate supervision of a psychologist prescribing medication pursuant to a conditional prescription certificate under chapter 154B. Such standards shall include requiring a physician serving as a supervising licensed physician to notify the board of medicine of the identity of the psychologist the physician is supervising and any change in the status of the supervisory relationship. 2. The process for initiating and conducting disciplinary proceedings under chapter 17A if a licensed physician fails to adequately supervise a psychologist prescribing psychotropic | | | <p>antidepressants which demonstrate the competence of the medical psychologist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The recommendation of two collaborating physicians, each of whom holds an unconditional license to practice medicine in Louisiana, and who are each familiar with the applicant's competence to practice medical psychology. ▪ The recommendation of the Medical Psychology Advisory Committee. ▪ The completion of a minimum of one hundred hours of continuing medical education relating to the use of medications in the management of patients with psychiatric illness commencing with the issuance of a certificate of prescriptive authority by the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists prior to January 1, 2010, or by the board after this date. |

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| | <p>medications pursuant to a prescription certificate under chapter 154B. The rule shall take into account the deliberations of the board in making such a determination.</p> <p>Board duties regarding prescription certificates and conditional prescription certificates</p> <p>The board shall, in consultation with the board of medicine, adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this chapter relating to prescribing psychologists. The rules shall include but not be limited to all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Procedures to obtain a conditional prescription certificate, a prescription certificate, and a renewal of a prescription certificate. The board may set reasonable application and renewal fees. Grounds for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a conditional prescription certificate and a prescription certificate, including a provision for suspension or revocation of a license to practice psychology upon suspension of a conditional prescription certificate and a prescription certificate. ▪ The provision of an annual list of psychologists with prescription certificates and psychologists with conditional prescription certificates that contains the information agreed to between the board and the board of medicine. The board shall | | | |

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| | <p>promptly notify the board of medicine of psychologists who are added to or removed from the list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any other rules necessary for the administration of this chapter. | | | |
| Authority to prescribe under the conditional prescribing certificate | <p>A licensed psychologist holding a conditional prescription certificate may prescribe psychotropic medication pursuant to joint rules adopted by the board of psychology and the board of medicine. A conditional prescription certificate is valid for four years</p> | N/A | <p>Valid for only two years. Prescribing authority subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current licensure within the state Maintain malpractice insurance Informing the board and the board of medical examiners of the physician who will supervise <p>The physician shall be individually responsible for the acts and omissions of the psychologist while under his supervision; the psychologist also is individually liable.</p> | N/A |
| Authority to prescribe | <p>A prescribing psychologist or a psychologist with a conditional prescription certificate may administer and prescribe psychotropic medication within the scope of the psychologist’s profession, including the ordering and review of laboratory tests in conjunction with the prescription, for the treatment of mental disorders. Such prescribing practices shall be governed by joint rules adopted by the board of psychology and the board of medicine.</p> <p>2. When prescribing psychotropic medication for a patient, the prescribing psychologist or the psychologist with a conditional prescription</p> | <p>The Department may issue a prescribing psychologist license if it finds that the applicant has met the requirements for prescriptive authority). A prescribing psychologist may only prescribe medication pursuant to the provisions of this Act if the prescribing psychologist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> continues to hold a current license to practice psychology in Illinois; satisfies the continuing education requirements for prescribing psychologists, including 10 hours of continuing education annually in pharmacology from accredited | <p>Authority to prescribe shall be granted when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant holding a conditional prescribing certificate successfully completes two years of prescribing psychotropic medication under a physician’s supervision Successfully undergoes peer review by the board and state board of medical examiners Meets all other requirements, as determined by rule of the board, for obtaining a prescription certificate | [See above] |

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| | <p>certificate shall maintain an ongoing collaborative relationship with the licensed physician who oversees the patient’s general medical care to ensure that necessary medical examinations are conducted, the psychotropic medication is appropriate for the patient’s medical condition, and significant changes in the patient’s medical or psychological condition are discussed.</p> <p>3. A prescription written by a prescribing psychologist or a psychologist with a conditional prescription certificate shall meet all of the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Comply with applicable state and federal laws. ▪ Be identified as issued by the psychologist as “psychologist certified to prescribe”. ▪ Include the psychologist’s board identification number. <p>A prescribing psychologist or a psychologist with a conditional prescription certificate shall not delegate prescriptive authority to any other person. Records of all prescriptions shall be maintained in patient records.</p> <p>When authorized to prescribe controlled substances, a prescribing psychologist or a psychologist with a conditional prescription certificate shall file with the board in a timely manner all individual federal drug enforcement agency registration and numbers. The board</p> | <p>providers; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ maintains a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician. <p>Once the collaborating physician files with the Department of Health notice of delegation of prescriptive authority, the licensed clinical psychologist shall be eligible to register for a mid-level practitioner controlled substance license under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act.</p> <p>A written delegation of prescriptive authority by a collaborating physician may only include medications for the treatment of mental health disease or illness the collaborating physician generally provides to his or her patients in the normal course of his or her clinical practice with the exception of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ patients who are less than 17 years of age or over 65 years of age; ▪ patients during pregnancy; ▪ patients with serious medical conditions, such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, or seizures, and with developmental disabilities and intellectual disabilities; and ▪ prescriptive authority for benzodiazepine Schedule III controlled substances. <p>In addition, the following conditions apply to delegation of prescriptive authority:</p> | <p>A prescribing psychologist may administer and prescribe psychotropic medication, including the ordering and review of laboratory tests in conjunction with the prescription, for the treatment of mental disorders.</p> | |

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| | shall maintain current records on every psychologist, including federal registration and numbers. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any delegation of Schedule III through V controlled substances shall identify the specific controlled substance by brand name or generic name. ▪ No controlled substance to be delivered by injection may be delegated. ▪ No Schedule II controlled substance shall be delegated. ▪ A prescribing psychologist shall not prescribe narcotic drugs. | | |
| Continuing education | Completed a post-doctoral Master of Science degree in clinical pharmacology approved by the board of psychology and the board of medicine within five years immediately preceding the date of the application. | Determined by rule. Must include 10 hours of CME in pharmacology from accredited providers. | 20 hours annually of continuing education | 20 hours annually of continuing education relevant to the practice of medical psychology. |