

*TOC is required***213.010 Psychology Interns**

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The Division of Medical Services will allow psychology interns to provide limited services under the following provisions:

RSPMI facilities must retain written documentation of each intern's:

- A. Enrollment in an American Psychological Association internship program that is fully accredited or accredited on contingency.
- B. Agreement with the Arkansas Psychology Board regarding oversight and supervision as defined by the American Psychological Association and the Arkansas Psychology Board (APB) Rules and Regulations.

Supervision of psychology interns in the RSPMI Program

The psychological procedures covered under the RSPMI Program are allowed as a covered service when provided by a psychology intern authorized by the Arkansas State Board of Psychology to provide such psychological services. When a psychology intern provides the services, the intern must be under the "direct supervision" of the supervising psychologist. For the purpose of psychological services only, the term "direct supervision" means the following:

- A. The supervising psychologist must monitor and be responsible for the quality of work performed by the psychology intern under his/her "direct supervision." The supervising psychologist must be immediately available to provide assistance and direction throughout the time the service is being performed. "Immediately available" is defined as the supervising psychologist being accessible to the psychology intern at any point during the supervisory relationship.
- B. Oversight:
 1. Each supervising psychologist must monitor and be responsible for the quality of the clinical work assigned to his/her supervisee (intern). Monitoring must include personal observation of randomly selected patient interactions;
 2. The supervising psychologist must assist and direct the intern in the delivery of internship services. Assistance and direction must comply with the American Psychology Association Guidelines and Principles for Accreditation of Programs in Professional Psychology and the Arkansas Psychology Board Rules and Regulations;
 3. Internship services will be provided under the license of the supervising psychologist; and
 4. The supervising psychologist must assure compliance with Medicaid laws, rules, and regulations, and be accountable for any noncompliance.

As a condition of Medicaid payment, claims must list the supervising psychologist as the performing provider. Provisions must be made requiring:

- A. The Arkansas Psychology Board to certify in writing that the psychology intern is receiving training in a qualified internship program for a prescribed period of time and this written certification shall be retained in the psychology intern's personnel record; and
- B. The accredited program's training director to certify in writing and retain in the psychology intern's personnel record:
 1. The requirements of the training program in which the intern is participating;
 2. The training dates for each intern;

3. The name of each participating intern;
4. The name and Medicaid provider number of:
 - a. Each participant's supervising faculty member, or
 - b. The Medicaid-enrolled practice clinic in which the supervising faculty member participates; and
5. All services for which a Medicaid claim will be filed are provided under the supervision of a licensed psychologist who is in good standing with the Arkansas Psychology Board.