

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Introduced By: Senators DiMario, Sosnowski, Cano, Miller, Lawson, Zurier, Lauria,  
Euer, Murray, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: March 23, 2023

Referred To: Senate Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40-8 of the General Laws entitled "Medical Assistance" is hereby  
2 amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **40-8-33. Graduate student services covered.**

4 Notwithstanding any general law, public law, special law, rule or regulation to the contrary,  
5 Medicaid reimbursement shall be provided under this chapter for services provided by a graduate  
6 student intern in one of the mental health professional disciplines who is formally assigned by an  
7 accredited college/university to an agency or facility for clinical training. The graduate student  
8 intern shall be allowed to receive compensation from these reimbursed hours and the supervising  
9 organization is allowed to retain a portion of the compensation to cover expenses related to  
10 supervisory work. A mental health practitioner working as a clinical trainee must:

11 (1) Comply with requirements for licensure or board certification as a mental health  
12 professional including supervised practice in the delivery of mental health services for the treatment  
13 of mental illness; or

14 (2) Be a graduate student in a bona fide field placement or internship under a program  
15 leading to completion of the requirements for licensure as a mental health professional.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would provide that services provided by graduate student interns who work under  
2 a supervisory protocol would be eligible to be paid from Medicaid reimbursement.

3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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