

97930 Chapter Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to the regulations in this Chapter:

(a)

"Contract" means a written agreement between the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (hereinafter "Office") and a recipient of a loan repayment that obligates the recipient, in exchange for financial assistance, to practice their profession for a specified period of time.

(b)

"Cultural and linguistic competence" means the ability to understand and respond effectively to the cultural and linguistic needs brought by patients to mental health care encounters.

(c)

"Direct patient care" means the provision of health care services directly to individuals being treated for, or suspected of having, physical or mental illness. Direct patient care includes preventative care. The first line supervision of direct patient care shall be considered "direct patient care."

(d)

"Director" means the Director of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

(e)

"Educational loan" means a loan of money by a commercial lender or government

entity that requires payment, and was obtained by an individual for the purpose of defraying costs associated with their mental health service provider education.

(f)

"Foundation" means the Health Professions Education Foundation.

(g)

"Licensed mental health service provider" means a psychologist licensed by the Board of Psychology, registered psychologist, postdoctoral psychological assistant, postdoctoral psychology trainee employed in an exempt setting pursuant to Section 2910 of the Business and Professions Code, or employed pursuant to a Department of Mental Health waiver pursuant to Section 5751.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, marriage and family therapist, marriage and family therapist intern, licensed clinical social worker, and associate clinical social worker.

(h)

"Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund" means the fund established pursuant to section 128458 of the Health and Safety Code.

(i)

"Mental Health Professional Shortage Area" means an area designated as such by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Service Administration, Bureau of Health Professions' Shortage Designation Branch.

(j)

"Qualified facility" means one of the following: (1) "A publicly funded facility," which means a health facility, as defined by Health and Safety Code Sections 1200, 1200.1, and 1250, conducted, maintained, or operated by this state or by any of its political subdivisions or districts, or by any city. (2) "A publicly funded or public mental health facility," which means a hospital, clinic, or long-term care facility licensed and/or certified by the California Department of Mental Health and/or the

California Department of Health Services that is conducted, maintained, or operated by this state or by any of its political subdivisions or districts, or by any city, and that provides mental health services. (3) "A non-profit private mental health facility," which means a hospital, clinic, or long-term care facility licensed and/or certified by the California Department of Mental Health and/or the California Department of Health Services that is operated by a non-profit entity that contracts with a county mental health entity or facility to provide mental health services.

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(k)

"Service obligation" means the contractual obligation agreed to by the recipient of a loan repayment where the recipient agrees to practice their profession for a

specified period of time in or through a qualified facility or a mental health professional shortage area.