

Monterey County Behavioral Health, Quality Improvement

RE:	New Required BBS Training or Coursework in the Provision of Mental Health Services via Telehealth
REFERENCES	AB 1759 (Chapter 520, Statutes of 2022) Board of Behavioral Sciences
EFFECTIVE	July 1, 2023

March 24, 2023

As part of ongoing quality improvement efforts and in accordance with the Board of Behavioral Science, **effective July 1, 2023**, the Board will begin requiring both applicants for licensure and licensees to have completed a minimum of three hours of training or coursework in the provision of mental health services via telehealth, which must include law and ethics related to telehealth.

There are two ways to meet this requirement:

1. Coursework may have been obtained as part of the graduate degree program that qualified you for licensure. To use this option, you will need to obtain a written certification from the registrar or training director of your school or school program stating that the coursework was a required part of the curriculum for your graduation, or that you had completed the coursework.

2. The requirement can be met by taking a continuing education course from a provider that is acceptable to the Board. You will need to obtain a certification of completion from the course provider.

For either option above, be sure to retain proof of completion. This is a one-time requirement and there is no age limit on when the training or coursework was completed as long as you can obtain the proof as described above.

More information about acceptable continuing education providers and/or frequently asked questions can be found on the Board's website www.bbs.ca.gov