

## **NOTICE TO BBS LICENSEES: UPCOMING FEE INCREASE**

All licensees with an expiration date on or after July 1, 2018 will experience a fee increase upon renewal. This is a result of the passage of [SB 1188](#) (Chapter 557, Statutes of 2017), and the increased revenue will provide additional funds to the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund.

Licensees will be affected as follows:

**LMFTs:** LMFTs currently pay \$10 into the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund at each renewal. Beginning July 1, 2018, that amount will increase to \$20. Therefore, the total biennial renewal fee will increase from \$140 to \$150.

**LCSWs:** LCSWs currently pay \$10 into the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund at each renewal. Beginning July 1, 2018, that amount will increase to \$20. Therefore, the total biennial renewal fee will increase from \$110 to \$120.

**LPCCs:** LPCCs do not pay into the Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund currently. Beginning July 1, 2018, a \$20 fee will be charged. Therefore, the total biennial renewal fee will increase from \$175 to \$195.

The Mental Health Practitioner Education Fund supports the Licensed Mental Health Services Provider Education Program, which provides a competitive educational loan repayment grant program that licensed mental health providers may apply for if they provide direct patient care in a publicly funded mental health facility or mental health professional shortage area. Currently, LMFT and LCSW licensees, and marriage and family therapist and clinical social work registrants may apply for the loan repayment grant if they are eligible. Now that LPCCs will be paying into the fund, qualifying LPCCs and associate professional clinical counselor registrants may also apply effective July 1, 2018.

More information about the Licensed Mental Health Service Provider Education Program can be found [here](#).