

North Carolina Department of Insurance
Jim Long, Commissioner

Advisory Notice

TO: All Insurers Subject to N.C. General Statute § 58-50-30

FROM: Life & Health Division

DATE: October 29, 2008

SUBJECT: SESSION LAW 2008-130 (SENATE BILL 2117)
N.C. GENERAL STATUTE § 58-50-30.

This advisory pertains to health benefit plans, subscriber contracts, and policies of insurance that are subject to N.C. General Statute § 58-50-30.

Session Law 2008-130 changed some of the definitions in N.C. General Statute § 90-113.31A, which is in Article 5C of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

Section 1 of the act added the following new category:

“(22a) Provisional licensed clinical addictions specialist. – A registrant who successfully completes 300 hours of Board-approved supervised practical training in pursuit of licensure as a clinical addictions specialist.”

Section 1 of the act further amended the definition of “substance abuse professional” in N.C. General Statute § 90-113.31A(26) as follows:

“(26) Substance abuse professional. – A registrant, certified substance abuse counselor, substance abuse counselor intern, certified substance abuse prevention consultant, certified clinical supervisor, ~~clinical-addictions specialist intern~~, provisional licensed clinical addictions specialist, licensed clinical addictions specialist, certified substance abuse residential facility director, clinical supervisor intern, or certified criminal justice addictions professional.”

Insurers that write health benefit plans, subscriber contracts, or policies of insurance that provide benefits for services of duly certified substance abuse professionals must recognize that the licensure or certification of “provisional licensed clinical addictions specialists” and “clinical supervisor interns” under Article 5C of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes satisfies the certification requirement in N.C. General Statute § 58-50-30(c2).

The full text of the act may be accessed at:

<http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/Senate/PDF/S2117v5.pdf>

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact Jean Holliday of the Life & Health Division, at (919) 733-5060 ext. 346.

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