



NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF LICENSED CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS

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Dear Licensees,

Greetings from the North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors (NCBLCMHC)! We have some exciting news. Senate Bill 537 passed in the NC Senate and House and was signed into law by NC Governor Roy Cooper on November 6, 2019.¹ This new law does the following: a) changes our Board and license names, b) gives the Board the ability to enter into reciprocity agreements with individual states, and c) gives the Board the authority to establish an impaired professionals program.

This law went into effect January 1, 2020. Currently we are changing web addresses, emails, and all accounts with the former name NCBLPC to our new name NCBLCMHC. Our new website will be up soon.

Please review the updated names in the chart below:

Past name	Current Name
NC Board of Licensed Professional Counselors (NCBLPC)	NC Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors (NCBLCMHC)
Licensed Professional Counselor Associate (LPCA)	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Associate (LCMHCA)
Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC)	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor (LCMHC)
Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor (LPCS)	Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor Supervisor (LCMHCS)

This packet includes a new certificate, pocket card, and an official letter from the Board Chair that you can share with insurance companies and other entities you will need to apprise of the name change. The letter from the Board's Chair will be available in your online portal as well.

In order to assist licensees with the transition of the name change, the Board is contacting various organizations with whom our licensees may do business such as the Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH), Veterans Administration, Managed Care Organizations, the NC Secretary of State, and the NC Department of Health and Human Services. While the Board is making contact with several entities, we are asking licensees to be proactive and send the letter from the Board's Chair to everyone with whom they do business. We are also requesting that you officially notify your clients/patients of the name change.

We are asking that licensees complete name changes to include your new license name on documents (i.e. professional disclosure statement, business cards, etc.), in social media profiles, including LinkedIn and Facebook and other websites, as well as any other official business, **by June 30, 2020**. Please be sure to upload your new professional disclosure statement with no other changes than the name.

For more information, please see the winter 2019 edition of the Board Insider or contact the Board office.

With Kind Regards,

NCBLCMHC Board Staff

¹ Senate Bill 537 is available at: <https://www.ncleg.gov/Sessions/2019/Bills/Senate/PDF/S537v5.pdf>



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To whom it may concern,

Happy New Year and Greetings from the North Carolina Board of Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselors (The "Board"), formerly known as the North Carolina Board of Licensed Professional Counselors.

The Board wanted to apprise entities and organizations with whom our licensees do business of our license name-changes including but not limited to, Council for Affordable Quality Healthcare (CAQH), Veterans Administration, Managed Care Organizations, the NC Secretary of State, and the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Please see the chart of the updated names below:

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If you have any questions about the name changes please contact our office.

With kind regards,

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Chair

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