



This report is designed to keep our members informed about issues related to licensure in Tennessee. If you have questions, please email [executivedirector@tlpca.net](mailto:executivedirector@tlpca.net).

### Continuing education

As we are nearing the end of the year, make sure you have your required CEs. Currently, CE requirements are based on a calendar year, not your renewal cycle. Therefore, if you do not have your required CEs before the end of the year, you may be deficient. For example, if your renewal date will be in 2024, your audit period will be January 2022 to December 2023. You should have 20 hours as of December 2023, including 3 hours of ethics and 3 hours of supervision (if you are a supervisor). In addition, LPCs are now required to obtain 2 hours of CEs every 4 years related to suicide assessment/intervention/prevention as of January 2020.

TLPCA has a variety of online content sessions available immediately, including sessions on ethics, supervision and suicide. You can find those at <https://tlpca.net/training>.

For more information about CEs, visit <https://tlpca.net/ce-information/>.

### Update on Rules

- Timeline and process – The review of the current rules is complete. All three licenses' (LPC, LMFT, LCPT) rules have been reviewed and updated with changes. The next steps will be shared as they develop.
- Below are a few significant changes:
  - 100% supervision by LPC/MHSP as of January 2025
  - New supervised verification form
  - New requirement for supervisor to report hours periodically
  - Definition of Telehealth
  - AI Policy
  - Coursework, including titles of categories, was changed to align more with CACREP core areas. Specifically, career counseling will now be a required course.
  - Number of supervisees defined (Twelve (12) active individual supervisees); Maximum of Two (2) supervision groups.
  - There are several important changes to the continuing education requirements.

- Increase in the number of required continuing education credits (40 CEs every 2 years)
- CE cycle will now be licensure renewal date (every 2 years), not calendar year.
- Acceptable CE delivery format defined (Live vs. virtual/online)
- Leadership roles will now be counted toward CEs (maximum of 10 hours per renewal cycle)

## Medicare

After MANY years of advocacy, in January 2024, LPCs will be eligible to be reimbursed by Medicare. As you prepare for this option, our parent organization, The American Mental Health Counselors Association (AMHCA), has provided information to assist you with the process. You can find helpful resources at <https://www.amhca.org/advocacy/medicare>.