



## MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	December 26, 2014
<b>TO</b>	Psychology Board Members
<b>FROM</b>	Karen Johnson Licensing Coordinator <i>K</i>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item (4)</b> Discussion and Consideration of Business & Professions Code Section 2903 – Licensure Requirement; Practice of Psychology; Psychotherapy; Fee

Attached is section 2903 of the Business and Professions Code with the recommended changes.

### Action

To approve the proposed language as written and to give staff the authority to begin the rulemaking process.

## 1 | **Licensure Requirement; Practice of Psychology; Psychotherapy; Fee**

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3 § 2903. No person may engage in the practice of psychology, or represent himself or  
4 herself to be a psychologist, without a license granted under this chapter, except as  
5 otherwise provided in this chapter. The practice of psychology is defined as rendering or  
6 offering to render ~~for a fee~~ to individuals, groups, organizations or the public any  
7 psychological service involving the application of psychological principles, methods, and  
8 procedures of understanding, predicting, and influencing behavior, such as the  
9 principles pertaining to learning, perception, motivation, emotions, and interpersonal  
10 relationships; and the methods and procedures of interviewing, counseling,  
11 psychotherapy, behavior modification, and hypnosis; and of constructing, administering,  
12 and interpreting tests of mental abilities, aptitudes, interests, attitudes, personality  
13 characteristics, emotions, and motivations. The application of these principles and  
14 methods includes, but is not restricted to: assessment, diagnosis, prevention, treatment,  
15 and amelioration-intervention in order to increase effective functioning of individuals,  
16 groups, and organizations ~~of psychological problems and emotional and mental~~  
17 ~~disorders of individuals and groups~~. Psychotherapy within the meaning of this chapter  
18 means the use of psychological methods in a formal professional relationship to assist a  
19 person or persons to acquire greater human effectiveness or to modify feelings,  
20 conditions, attitudes and behavior which are emotionally, intellectually, or socially  
21 ineffectual or maladjustive ~~maladaptive~~.  
22 ~~As used in this chapter, "fee" means any charge, monetary or otherwise, whether paid~~  
23 ~~directly or paid on a prepaid or capitation basis by a third party, or a charge assessed~~  
24 ~~by a facility, for services rendered.~~