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Board of Examiners for Social Workers

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AB 327 – CEUs in “Cultural Competency and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.”

In the 2021 Nevada Legislative Session, the Legislature approved a new bill (AB 327) that requires licensees to complete CEUs in additional areas. While this went into effect in 2021, the Board sought consultation from the Legislative Counsel Bureau regarding the interpretation of the bill language. This was done when it became clear that different Boards were interpreting it differently. In February 2022, we received the written interpretation of the bill language, and are now confident in sending you information about the new requirement.

AB 327 required each licensee to complete two CEUs in , “Cultural Competency and Diversity, Equity and Inclusion” each collection cycle. The range of topics include any of the following –

- Persons from various gender, racial and ethnic backgrounds;
- Persons from various religious backgrounds;
- Lesbian, gay, transgender and questioning persons;
- Children and senior citizens;
- Veterans;
- Persons with an intellectual disability, developmental disability or physical disability; and
- Persons who are part of any other population that a psychiatrist or physicians assistant practicing under the supervision of a psychiatrist may need to better understand, as determined by the Board.

Beginning now, you should start completing the two additional mandated CEUs on the above listed topics. Many of you are already doing this under the guise of CEUs on ethics. As of January 2023, we will start monitoring compliance with this new law. If you have a 2023 collection cycle, you will be required to upload **both** Suicide Prevention and Cultural Competence CEUs.

This is not an addition to your CEU total count, rather just a reapportioning of them.

As a LASW / LSW / LSMW, you still collect 30 CEUs every collection cycle. Now 2.00 will be in Suicide Prevention (upload required), 2.00 in Cultural Diversity and Inclusion (upload required), 4.00 in ethics; 10.00 in your field of practice; and 12.00 in any area of interest for you.

As a LCSW / LISW, you will still collect 36 CEUs every collection cycle. Now 2.00 will be in Suicide Prevention (upload required), 2.00 in Cultural Diversity and Inclusion (upload required), 4.00 in ethics; 12.00 in your field of practice; and 16.00 in any area of interest for you.