

**(b) Contract health services****(1) In general**

The Secretary, acting through the Service, may enter into contracts with public or private providers of behavioral health treatment services for the purpose of carrying out the program required under subsection (a).

**(2) Provision of assistance**

In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary shall provide assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations to develop criteria for the certification of behavioral health service providers and accreditation of service facilities which meet minimum standards for such services and facilities.

(Pub. L. 94-437, title VII, §704, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title X, §10221(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 935.)

## CODIFICATION

Section 704 of Pub. L. 94-437 is based on section 181 of title I of S. 1790, One Hundred Eleventh Congress, as reported by the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate in Dec. 2009, which was enacted into law by section 10221(a) of Pub. L. 111-148.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1665c, Pub. L. 94-437, title VII, §704, as added Pub. L. 102-573, title VII, §702(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4574, provided for Indian Health Service program of alcohol and substance abuse detoxification and rehabilitation for Indian youth, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 111-148.

**§ 1665d. Mental health technician program****(a) In general**

Pursuant to section 13 of this title, the Secretary shall establish and maintain a mental health technician program within the Service which—

- (1) provides for the training of Indians as mental health technicians; and
- (2) employs such technicians in the provision of community-based mental health care that includes identification, prevention, education, referral, and treatment services.

**(b) Paraprofessional training**

In carrying out subsection (a), the Secretary, acting through the Service, shall provide high-standard paraprofessional training in mental health care necessary to provide quality care to the Indian communities to be served. Such training shall be based upon a curriculum developed or approved by the Secretary which combines education in the theory of mental health care with supervised practical experience in the provision of such care.

**(c) Supervision and evaluation of technicians**

The Secretary, acting through the Service, shall supervise and evaluate the mental health technicians in the training program.

**(d) Traditional health care practices**

The Secretary, acting through the Service, shall ensure that the program established pursuant to this section involves the use and promotion of the traditional health care practices of the Indian tribes to be served.

(Pub. L. 94-437, title VII, §705, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title X, §10221(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 935.)

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1665d, Pub. L. 94-437, title VII, §705, as added Pub. L. 102-573, title VII, §702(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4576, provided for program of training and community education about alcohol and substance abuse, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 111-148.

**§ 1665e. Licensing requirement for mental health care workers****(a) In general**

Subject to section 1621t of this title, and except as provided in subsection (b), any individual employed as a psychologist, social worker, or marriage and family therapist for the purpose of providing mental health care services to Indians in a clinical setting under this chapter is required to be licensed as a psychologist, social worker, or marriage and family therapist, respectively.

**(b) Trainees**

An individual may be employed as a trainee in psychology, social work, or marriage and family therapy to provide mental health care services described in subsection (a) if such individual—

- (1) works under the direct supervision of a licensed psychologist, social worker, or marriage and family therapist, respectively;
- (2) is enrolled in or has completed at least 2 years of course work at a post-secondary, accredited education program for psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, or counseling; and
- (3) meets such other training, supervision, and quality review requirements as the Secretary may establish.

(Pub. L. 94-437, title VII, §706, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title X, §10221(a), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 935.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 94-437, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1400, known as the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1601 of this title and Tables.

## CODIFICATION

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## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1665e, Pub. L. 94-437, title VII, §706, as added Pub. L. 102-573, title VII, §702(a), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4576; amended Pub. L. 104-313, §2(e), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3822, provided for establishment of an alcohol and substance abuse residential treatment center in Gallup, New Mexico, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 111-148.