

As a reminder, all licensees will be required to designate a Continuity of Care designee on their license renewal this year.

S.C. Reg. § 100-4(C)(8) provides:

(a) A psychologist should plan for facilitating services in the event that psychological services are interrupted to deal with the needs of clients during periods of foreseeable or unforeseeable absences from professional availability and inform clients arrangements have been made.

(b) A psychologist must make plans in advance to facilitate the appropriate transfer and to protect the confidentiality of records and data in the event of the psychologist's withdrawal from positions or practice.

(c) The psychologist shall designate a partner, personal representative, or other responsible party to assume responsibility for continuity of care, as described above in (a) and (b) in circumstances whereby the licensee is unable for any reason to provide continuity of care, appropriate referral or client records upon a valid request of the patient. . . .

Licensees will identify this designee by listing their name and South Carolina license number, if applicable, on the renewal. It is not a requirement that your designee be a licensee of this or any other South Carolina Board. However, please be mindful that the designee must be able to carry out the requirements as listed above.

If you have any questions about this new requirement, please email your questions to the Board at [contact.psychology@lir.sc.gov](mailto:contact.psychology@lir.sc.gov).