

## DESCRIPTION OF PROVIDER LICENSE TYPES

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Training</b>
LCSW	Licensed Clinical Social Worker	They have a Masters degree in Social Work. They provide "talk therapy".
MFT	Licensed Marriage and Family Counselor	They have a Masters degree in psychology. They provide "talk therapy".
PhD	Licensed Psychologist	They have a Doctorate degree in Philosophy with emphasis in psychology. Their training includes research and testing. They provide "talk therapy" and can provide psychological testing.
PsyD	Licensed Psychologist	They have a Doctorate degree in Psychology. Their training includes research and testing. They provide "talk therapy" and can provide psychological testing.
MD	Licensed Psychiatrist	They are licensed Medical Doctors. They prescribe medications and do not usually provide "talk therapy." However, some psychiatrists choose to do both.
DO	Licensed Psychiatrist	They are licensed Doctors of Osteopathy. They prescribe medications and do not usually provide "talk therapy." However, some psychiatrists choose to do both.
NP RNP RNCS	Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner	They are licensed Nurses with Master's degrees and prescriptive authority. They are trained to treat psychological problems with medications. Typically, they DO NOT provide "talk therapy".

### License Verification

[www.medbd.ca.gov](http://www.medbd.ca.gov) (MD)

[www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov) (MFT/LCSW)

[www.psychboard.co.gov](http://www.psychboard.co.gov) (PhD)