

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to the use of artificial intelligence  
3       in psychological, clinical, counseling, and therapy  
4       services; creating ss. 490.016 and 491.019, F.S.;  
5       defining the term "artificial intelligence";  
6       prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence in the  
7       practice of psychology, clinical social work, marriage  
8       and family therapy, and mental health counseling;  
9       providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

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11   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13       **Section 1.   Section 490.016, Florida Statutes, is created**  
14   **to read:**

15       490.016 Use of artificial intelligence.—

16       (1) As used in this section, the term "artificial  
17 intelligence" means any machine-based system that varies in  
18 level of autonomy and that, for any explicit or implicit  
19 objective, infers from the inputs the system receives how to  
20 generate outputs, including, but not limited to, content,  
21 decisions, predictions, or recommendations that can influence  
22 physical or virtual environments.

23       (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
24 licensee may not use artificial intelligence in the practice of  
25 psychology or school psychology. A licensee may use artificial

26 intelligence to:

27 (a) Assist in administrative or supplementary support  
28 services. Administrative and supplementary support services  
29 include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

30 1. Managing appointment scheduling and reminders.  
31 2. Drafting general communications related to therapy  
32 logistics that do not involve therapeutic advice.

33 3. Processing billing and insurance claims.

34 4. Preparing and managing patient records.

35 5. Analyzing data for operational purposes.

36 (b) Record or transcribe a counseling or therapy session  
37 if a licensee obtains written, informed consent at least 24  
38 hours before the provision of services.

39 **Section 2. Section 491.019, Florida Statutes, is created**  
40 **to read:**

41 491.019 Use of artificial intelligence.—

42 (1) As used in this section, the term "artificial  
43 intelligence" means any machine-based system that varies in  
44 level of autonomy and that, for any explicit or implicit  
45 objective, infers from the inputs the system receives how to  
46 generate outputs, including, but not limited to, content,  
47 decisions, predictions, or recommendations that can influence  
48 physical or virtual environments.

49 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
50 licensee, registered intern, or certificateholder may not use

51 artificial intelligence in the practice of clinical social work,  
52 marriage and family therapy, or mental health counseling. A  
53 licensee, registered intern, or certificateholder may use  
54 artificial intelligence to:

55 (a) Assist in administrative or supplementary support  
56 services. Administrative and supplementary support services  
57 include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

- 58 1. Managing appointment scheduling and reminders.  
59 2. Drafting general communications related to therapy  
60 logistics that do not involve therapeutic advice.  
61 3. Processing billing and insurance claims.  
62 4. Preparing and managing patient records.  
63 5. Analyzing data for operational purposes.

64 (b) Record or transcribe a counseling or therapy session  
65 if a licensee, registered intern, or certificateholder obtains  
66 written, informed consent at least 24 hours before the provision  
67 of services.

68 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.