



## ADVOCACY ALERT

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**GOOD NEWS:** [Assembly member Bronson](#) and [Senator Brouk](#) have introduced a bill to authorize Licensed Psychoanalysts, Mental Health Counselors, and Marriage and Family Therapists to diagnose and provide assessment-based treatment plans!

**ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITY:** Please use the links in the check marks above to identify your local Assembly member & Senator. Using the template email text below - send your legislators an email encouraging them to become a co/multi sponsor on the bill. The more names on the bill the better!

Feel free to personalize the text to best represent why the bill is important to you. Please remember to attach the Memorandum of Support signed by many organizations.

**WHO SHOULD SEND THE EMAIL?** Everyone! Candidates, Limited Permit holders, LPs, and educators! And, start sending your email **ASAP!**

## TEMPLATE EMAIL

I am writing to ask you to become a co/multi-sponsor on A.6008-A/S5301-A by Assembly member Bronson and Senator Brouk. The bill would allow licensed mental health practitioners to diagnose and provide assessment-based treatment plans. Please see the attached Memo of Support signed by many organizations.

New York does not have a sufficient mental health workforce to meet the needs of New Yorkers struggling with mental health and substance abuse issues. We simply do not have enough providers to diagnose and develop assessment-based treatment plans in our clinics, agencies, and community-based organizations. This issue will only increase when the exemption for licensure expires on June 24, 2021. These licensed professionals are willing to change their requirements for licensure to match that of licensed clinical social workers, who currently can diagnose.

By standardizing the requirements to become licensed as a diagnosing professional and modernizing the scope of practice for licensed psychoanalysts, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors, we can increase the number of diagnosing professionals by over 8,000 professionals.

I would be happy to speak with you about the bill. Please consider becoming a co/multi sponsor.

Thank you. NAME, TITLE ORGANIZATION , CONTACT INFO