

Become a Qualified Gambling Disorder Clinician in the LRE Region



Are you interested in becoming qualified to serve as a clinician for gambling disorders on the state's panel and to receive referrals from the Michigan Gambling Hotline?

Clinicians in the LRE region who are committed to becoming qualified to serve on the state's Gambling Disorder provider panel are eligible to apply for scholarships to participate in two trainings.

NATI Scholarship: This scholarship would provide financial support to complete the 30-Hour, web-based NATI Gambling Disorder Training required by the State of Michigan. Funds would reimburse the agency for required staff time. The training is offered at no cost. Clinicians interested in pursuing this opportunity who want to learn more about the issue before committing to the training can apply for scholarships to attend the Michigan Gambling Symposium (see below).

The NATI training, developed by the North American Training Institute, is an online gambling training course called, *Counseling the Disordered Gambler*. Michigan has identified this training as a requirement for all clinicians seeking to provide publicly funded gambling disorder treatment in the state of Michigan.

There is no charge for this training. The scholarship will reimburse the agency for 30 hours per clinician at a rate of \$80/hour totaling \$2,400 per clinician to cover the time spent on the training. The training must be completed by September 1, 2020 to receive the scholarship and the intent is that you will commit to joining the panel upon completion.

The training consists of lecture-based classes with reflective papers and assessments at the end of each section. An instructor/coordinator whom you can contact with questions will be provided and a certificate will be emailed to you upon completion.

Gambling Symposium Scholarship: Clinicians interested in the NATI Scholarship to become qualified as a GD Clinician on the state's provider panel can apply for a scholarship to attend the Gambling Disorder Symposium which will be held on March 5, 2020 at the Suburban Showcase in Novi, MI. Clinicians interested in gambling disorder treatment who want to learn more before committing to the 30-hour are also encouraged to attend. The scholarship will be \$420 and is

intended to cover the cost of registration, mileage, dinner and a hotel stay. Your billable time for this day will not be reimbursed.

This symposium provides access to professional problem gambling training, treatment and prevention resources and personal recovery stories to all attendees, while providing continuing education credits to professional members of the Problem Gambling community.

Attendance to this event is strongly recommended to individuals who intend to join the panel of providers. More information about this year's symposium can be found at CMHAM.org.

Who is eligible for these scholarships?

Clinicians providing substance use disorder or mental health treatment and recovery services within the Lakeshore Regional Entity (LRE) region at an organization who directly contracts with the LRE and/or CMHSP's are eligible to apply. In addition, an individual must have at least a Master's degree in Social Work, Counseling, or Psychology with a license to practice therapy in the state of Michigan. The license may be limited but the individual must be working on securing a permanent license.

How do I apply for the scholarships?

- 1) NATI Scholarship: To apply for the NATI scholarship, complete the NATI scholarship application form, (attached) and email it to Kelly Kondrat, the Lakeshore Regional Entity's Project Coordinator for the Gambling Prevention Project at : k.kondrat@kwbstrategies.net.

The application must be received by no later than April 30, 2020. Once applications are received, applicants will be notified of whether they have been selected by no later than May 10, 2020. If you are selected, your information will be sent to the state's gambling coordinator who will review your information to verify eligibility and provide access to the on-line NATI training if you are approved.

- 2) Symposium Scholarship: To apply for the symposium scholarship, complete the Symposium Scholarship Application form (attached) and email it to Kelly Kondrat, the Lakeshore Regional Entity's Project Coordinator for the Michigan Gambling Prevention Project. Her contact information is: k.kondrat@kwbstrategies.net.

Applications must be received by no later than February 22, 2020. Recipients will be notified of approval on February 25.

How many clinicians will receive scholarships?

The LRE was awarded \$40,000 to support this opportunity. Depending on the number of applications received, it is anticipated that approximately 15 clinicians could receive a scholarship to attend the symposium and approximately 15 clinicians could receive the incentive for completion of the 30-hour NATI training. Clinicians are eligible, and encouraged to apply for both opportunities.

How many clinicians are currently on the provider panel?

Currently, there are 44 active clinicians in Michigan, representing only 16 counties. Kent County has 6 clinicians and Ottawa and Allegan share a clinician in Holland. Muskegon, Mason, Lake, and Oceana have no clinicians. Scholarships will be prioritized for clinicians in underserved areas.

What happens after I complete the 30-hour NATI training?

Email your certificate of completion to Lori Mello, Program Manager of the Gambling Treatment Program at lori.mello@hmsanet.com. She will then email you the provider packet to complete. She will review it and forward it to her data person who will set you up in their database to take cases. You will meet with Lori, usually over the phone, to discuss the policies, procedures, and paperwork. After that, you will be added to the state's list of certified clinicians. Those that call the Michigan Gambling Helpline in need of services will be referred to you on an as-needed basis based on geographic availability of clinicians. In addition, you will be able to screen clients and request authorization for public funding by submitting a psychosocial assessment and ability to pay form. If a client has private insurance coverage, they will need to receive services under that coverage. If you are able to bill their insurance, you can do so by working directly with that insurance provider without involving the state.

What are the reimbursement rates for Gambling Disorder Treatment?

An individual must score at least a 5 on the NODS to be eligible for treatment through the state program. NODS Training is available to any interested staff at no cost. Contact Lori Mello for more information: lori.mello@hmsanet.com

Code	Cost	Action
<i>Diagnostic interview procedures</i>		
90791	\$80 (50 min-1 hour)	Psychosocial evaluation
99499	\$15 per NODS	NODS assessment
<i>Psychotherapy</i>		
90832	\$40 (for 1/2 hour)	Psychotherapy, 30 minutes with patient and/or family member
90834	\$80 (50 min-1 hour)	Psychotherapy, 50 minutes with patient and/or family member
90847	\$80 (50 min-1 hour)	Family psychotherapy, conjoint psychotherapy with the patient present
90853	\$25/person, per 1 ½ hour group	Group psychotherapy

Where can I learn more about gambling needs in the LRE Region?

For more information about gambling in this area, the Lakeshore Regional Entity, along with KWB Strategies published an in-depth gambling needs assessment in June of 2019. This document includes a comprehensive assessment of gambling attitudes, behaviors, resources, and spending in the LRE region of Allegan, Kent, Lake, Mason, Muskegon, Oceana and Ottawa Counties. You can find the document in its entirety at the following link: [LRE Gambling Needs Assessment](#).

For more information about the Lakeshore Regional Entity's Gambling Disorder Prevention Project or this opportunity, contact Kelly Kondrat at: k.kondrat@kwbstrategies.net

Lakeshore Regional Entity
Application for Funding of Online NATI Gambling Disorder Training
Application Deadline: April 30, 2020

Name:	
What licensure(s) do you hold?	
Contact information including email:	
Provider Name:	
Description of your role in the organization:	
Location of the office(s) where you will provide services if you became a gambling disorder clinician::	
Briefly explain your reason for applying:	

Please email the completed application to Kelly Kondrat at: k.kondrat@kwbstrategies.net
Training must be completed by September 1, 2020.

Lakeshore Regional Entity
Application for Scholarship to the Michigan Gambling Disorder Symposium on March 5, 2020
Application Deadline: February 22, 2020

Name:	
What licensure(s) do you hold?	
Contact information including email:	
Provider Name:	
Description of your role in the organization:	
Location of the office(s) where you would provide services if you became a gambling disorder clinician:	
Briefly explain your reason for applying. Include any gambling disorder related experiences as a clinician that may set you apart from other candidates:	

Please email the completed application to Kelly Kondrat at: k.kondrat@kwbstrategies.net
If approved, you will receive notification by February 25, 2020.