

Title 15: Mississippi State Department of Health

Part 19: Bureau of Professional Licensure

Subpart 60: Professional Licensure

CHAPTER 13 GENETIC COUNSELORS

Subchapter 1 GENERAL

Rule 13.1.1 **Legal Authority.** The Mississippi Genetic Counselor Practice Act, established by 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699 §§ 15-25, Mississippi Legislature Regular Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025), authorizes the Mississippi State Board of Health to adopt, amend, promulgate and enforce such rules, regulations and standards governing genetic counselors as may be necessary to further the accomplishment of the purpose of Act.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.1.2 **Purpose.** The purpose of these regulations is to safeguard the public’s health, safety, and welfare by establishing minimum qualifications and creating exclusive titles corresponding to the level of qualifications for individuals who wish to offer genetic counseling services to the public. Further, to ensure the highest degree of professional conduct by those engaged in offering genetic counseling services to the public, it is the purpose of these regulations to impose disciplinary sanctions against any licensee who does not meet or adhere to the procedures, qualifications, and standards set out in this Chapter.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.1.3 **Licensure Required.** A license issued under this Chapter is required to engage in the practice of genetic counseling. No person shall hold himself or herself out as a genetic counselor unless he or she is licensed in accordance with the Act and this Chapter. No person who is not so licensed may use, in connection with his or her name or place of business, the title “genetic counselor”, “licensed genetic counselor”, “gene counselor”, “genetic consultant”, “genetic associate” or any words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying that he/she holds a genetic counseling license.

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Rule 13.1.4 **Scope of Practice.** The practice of “genetic counseling” means the provision of services by an individual who qualifies for a license under the Act and regulations in this Chapter, and includes the following activities:

1. Obtaining and interpreting individual, family, medical, and developmental histories;

2. Determining the mode of inheritance and risk of transmission of genetic conditions and birth defects;
3. Discussing the inheritance, features, natural history, means of diagnosis, and management of these conditions;
4. Identifying, ordering, coordinating, and explaining the clinical implications of genetic laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies;
5. Assessing psychosocial factors, and recognizing social, educational and cultural issues;
6. Evaluating the client's or family's responses to the condition or risk of recurrence and provide client-centered counseling and anticipatory guidance;
7. Communicating information to their clients in an understandable manner;
8. Facilitating informed decision making about testing and management;
9. Identifying and effectively using community resources that provide medical, educational, financial, and psychosocial support and advocacy; and
10. Providing accurate written documentation of medical, genetic, and counseling information for families and health care professionals.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.1.5 **Definitions.** The following terms shall have the meaning set forth below for purposes of this Chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. **Board** means the State Board of Health.
2. **Department** means the State Department of Health.
3. **Advisory Council** means the Mississippi Council of Advisors in Genetic Counseling established in this Chapter.
4. **ABGC** means the American Board of Genetic Counseling, its successor or equivalent.
5. **ABMG** means the American Board of Medical Genetics, its successor or equivalent.

6. **NSGC** means the National Society of Genetic Counselors, its successor or equivalent.
7. **Association** shall mean the Mississippi Genetic Counselor Association (MGCA).
8. **Active Candidate Status (ACS)** means a person who has met the requirements established by the ABGC to take the ABGC certification examination in general genetics and genetic counseling and has been granted this designation by ABGC.
9. **Licensed Genetic Counselor (LGC)** means a person licensed under this Chapter.
10. **Provisionally Licensed Genetic Counselor** means a person provisionally licensed under this Chapter.
11. **Genetic Counseling Intern** means a student enrolled in a genetic counseling program accredited by ABGC or ABMG.
12. **CEU** means continuing education unit as defined by the NSGC.
13. **Examination** for licensure means the ABGC or ABMG certification exam.
14. **License** means the document of licensure issued by the Board.
15. **Code of Ethics** for genetic counselor means the “Code of Ethics for the Profession of Genetic Counselors” prepared and approved by the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC).

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.1.6 Publication. The Department shall make available, upon request and payment of a fee, a list of the names and addresses of all persons licensed by the Department as Genetic Counselors, and a list of all persons whose licenses have been suspended, revoked, denied renewal, put on probationary status, censured, or reprimanded during the current licensure term.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Subchapter 2 Licensure.

Rule 13.2.1 Qualifications for Licensure. To obtain a license under this Chapter, an applicant shall:

1. Submit an online application;

2. Pay the license fee in the amount and manner required;
3. Provide satisfactory evidence of having certification as a:
 - a. Genetic counselor by the ABGC or ABMG; or
 - b. Geneticist by the ABMG;
4. Provide satisfactory evidence that he/she holds, at minimum, a master's degree from a genetic counseling training program that is accredited by the ABGC, or an equivalent as determined by the ABGC or the ABMG; and
5. Submit Mississippi State Department of Health comprehensive background check.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.2.2 Licensure by Reciprocity or Endorsement; Qualifications.

1. **Reciprocity.** The Board may issue a license by reciprocity to an applicant who provides proof that he or she is licensed or registered as a genetic counselor in another state, territory or jurisdiction of the United States if the licensure requirements in that state, territory or jurisdiction are substantially the same as the requirements imposed by the Act and this Chapter.
 - a. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a military-trained applicant or military spouse shall be subject to the provisions of Miss. Code § 73-50-1.
 - b. The issuance of a license by reciprocity to a person who establishes residence in this state shall be subject to the provisions of Miss. Code § 73-50-2.
2. **Endorsement.** An individual who does not otherwise qualify for licensure under this Chapter but who has worked as a genetic counselor for a minimum of ten (10) years prior to July 1, 2025, may apply for licensure by endorsement under this Rule. The Board may issue a license by endorsement to an applicant who:
 - a. Submits an online application;
 - b. Pays the application fee in the amount and manner required by the Department;

- c. Provides the following documentation:
 - i. Proof that he/she holds a master's or higher degree in genetics or related field of study;
 - ii. Proof that he/she has never failed the ABMG/ABGC certification examination;
 - iii. Three (3) letters of recommendation from at least one (1) genetic counselor who qualifies for licensure under this Chapter, and either a clinical geneticist certified by ABMG or medical geneticist certified by ABMG. All individuals submitting letters of recommendation must have worked with the applicant in an employment setting during the last five (5) years and can attest to the applicant's competency in providing genetic counseling services;
 - iv. Proof of attendance of NSGC/ABGC approved CEU programs within the last five (5) years; and
- d. Completes a Mississippi State Department of Health comprehensive background check.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.2.3 **Provisional Licensure.** The Board may issue a provisional license for the practice of genetic counseling for a period of one (1) year to an applicant who meets all of the requirements for licensure except for the certification component and who has been granted Active Candidate Status by the ABGC or the ABMG.

- 1. To obtain a provisional license under this Rule, an applicant shall:
 - a. Submit the following to the Department:
 - i. Online application;
 - ii. Proof of having been granted active candidate status (ACS); and
 - iii. A Mississippi State Department of Health comprehensive background check;
 - b. Pay the required application fee; and
 - c. Work under the general supervision of a licensed genetic counselor or a licensed physician at all times during which the provisionally licensed genetic counselor performs genetic counseling; and

2. In its discretion, the Board may allow a provisional license to be renewed for an additional one (1) year if an applicant fails the ABGC or ABMG certification exam.
3. A provisional license shall expire automatically upon the earliest of the following:
 - a. Issuance of a regular license;
 - b. Thirty (30) days after the applicant fails to pass the certification examination; or
 - c. The date printed on the provisional license.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.2.4 Biennial License Renewal Required. Except in the case of a provisional genetic counselor license issued under Rule 13.2.3, licenses issued under this Chapter shall expire two (2) years from the date of issuance.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.2.5 Procedure for Renewal of Licensure. Approximately sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of a license, the Department shall send an electronic renewal notice to the email address registered by the licensee with the Department. For purposes of renewal, prior to expiration of the license, an applicant shall:

1. Complete the online renewal form;
2. Submit proof of current certification or continuing education credit as detailed in Subchapter 3 of these regulations or current certification; and
3. Pay the renewal fee online.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.2.6 Failure to Renew. The licensee is responsible for renewing the license prior to its expiration. Failure of the licensee to receive notice does not relieve the licensee of responsibility for renewing that license. If a licensee fails to submit a renewal application and renewal fee prior to expiration of his/her license, the license will be deemed forfeited by the Department. A forfeited license may be reinstated if the licensee submits a reinstatement application and pays both the renewal fee and a reinstatement fee. This application must be received by the Department within one (1) year following expiration of the forfeited license. If the forfeited license is not reinstated within this one-year period, it will be

automatically terminated, and the individual must apply for a new license as a first-time applicant.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.2.7 Abandonment. An application for licensure or renewal shall be considered abandoned if the applicant fails to submit all required materials to the Department within six (6) months of the initial submission date.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.2.8 Notification of Denial. Written notice will be provided to all applicants regarding denial of an application for licensure or renewal. Such notice shall contain the reason(s) therefore and provide the applicant an opportunity to cure the deficiency for a second review by the Department.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.2.9 Exemptions from Licensure. The provisions of the Act and this Chapter shall not apply to the following:

1. Any person licensed by the state to practice in a profession other than that of genetic counseling, such as a licensed physician or nurse practitioner, when acting within the scope of the person's profession and doing work of a nature consistent with the person's training. However, the person shall not hold himself or herself out to the public as a genetic counselor;
2. Any person employed as a genetic counselor by the federal government or an agency thereof if such person provides genetic counseling services solely under the direction and control of the organization by which he or she is employed; or
3. A student or intern enrolled in an ABGC accredited genetic counseling educational program if genetic counseling services performed by the student are an integral part of the student's course of study and are performed under the direct supervision of a licensed genetic counselor assigned to supervise the student and who is on duty and available in the assigned patient care area, and if the person is designated by a title "genetic counseling intern".
4. A nonresident genetic counselor may practice genetic counseling in Mississippi for no more than a total of five (5) days per calendar year with current licensure from another state.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Subchapter 3 Fees.

Rule 13.3.1 Schedule of Fees. The following non-refundable fees apply to this Chapter and are payable to the Department

1. Initial Application & Licensure Fee.....\$250.00
2. Provisional Application & Licensure Fee.....\$250.00
3. Renewal Application & Licensure Fee150.00
4. Provisional Renewal Fee\$150.00
5. Reinstatement Fee\$100.00
6. Verification Fee.....\$25.00
7. Monetary Penalty.....\$200.00

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.3.2 Examination Fee. Fees for examination are to be paid directly to the appropriate testing organization.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Subchapter 4 Continuing Education.

Rule 13.4.1 Requirements. Licensed genetic counselors must comply with the following continuing education rules as a prerequisite to licensure renewal:

1. During each biennial licensure period, the LGC shall complete twelve and five-tenths (12.5) hours of NSGC or ABMG CEUs and/or other means as approved by NSGC for re-certification by ABGC or ABMG every five (5) years, prorated for the length of the license.
2. Licensees certified and in good standing with NSGC, ABGC, or ABMG may submit proof, in form and content satisfactory to the Department, of having met the continuing education requirements of the NSGC, ABGC, or ABMG, in lieu of the provisions of this section.
3. Proof of compliance with continuing education requirements shall be submitted to the Department with an LGC's renewal application.
4. Licensees who fail to accrue the required CEUs during the two-year licensure period shall be placed on continuing education (CE) probationary

status for the next licensure period. Failure to complete the required CEUs during the CE probationary period will result in license revocation at the end of that period.

5. CE probationary status may be granted only once and is limited to a single licensure period. A licensee is not eligible for CE probationary status in consecutive or subsequent renewal cycles.
6. Reinstatement of a license revoked for failure to meet continuing education requirements is subject to the discretion of the Department. If said license is permitted to be reinstated, the renewal fee and the late renewal/reinstatement fee as stated in Subchapter 6 of these regulations will be required.

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Rule 13.4.2 **Content Criteria.** The content of CEUs must apply to the field of genetic counseling and performance and must be designed to meet one of the following goals:

1. Update knowledge and skills required for competent performance beyond entry level as described in current legislation and regulations;
2. Allow the licensee to enhance his knowledge and skills;
3. Provide opportunities for interdisciplinary learning;
4. Extend limits of professional capabilities and opportunities; and
5. Facilitate personal contributions to the advancement of the profession.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.4.3 **Sources of Continuing Education.** Continuing education units may be accrued from the following sources:

1. American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABCG)
2. American Board of Medical Genetics (ABMG)
3. National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC)
4. American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG)
5. Mississippi Genetic Counselor Association (MGCA)

6. Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA)
7. Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO)
8. Regulatory boards for genetic counseling in any jurisdiction in the United States.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.4.4 Emergency and/or Hardship Exceptions. An exception to the continuing education requirements, including waiver of all or a portion of these requirements or the granting of an extension of time in which to complete these requirements, shall be granted to a licensee upon a finding of good cause by the Department following receipt of a written request for exception based upon emergency and/or hardship including, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Long-term personal illness or illness involving a close relative or person for whom the licensee has caregiving responsibilities;
2. Where the licensee can demonstrate that the required course(s) are not reasonably available; and
3. Other demonstrated economic, technological or legal hardships that substantially relate to the ability to perform or complete the continuing education requirements.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Subchapter 5 Professional Conduct Standards.

Rule 13.5.1 Code of Ethics.

1. All genetic counselors shall comply with the current Code of Ethics adopted by the National Society of Genetic Counselors except to the extent that they conflict with the laws of the state of Mississippi or the rules in this Chapter. If the Code of Ethics conflicts with state law or rules, the state law or rules govern the matter.
2. Each applicant or licensee is responsible for being familiar and complying with the Code of Ethics.
3. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by writing the National Society of Genetic Counselors, 401 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611 or by visiting the website at www.nsgc.org.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.5.2

Unprofessional Conduct. “Unprofessional conduct” includes but is not limited to the following acts or practices:

1. Practicing, condoning, facilitating, collaborating with or engaging in discrimination against prospective or current clients, students, employees, supervisees, or research participants based on age, culture, disability, ethnicity, race, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status/partnership, language preference, socioeconomic status, immigration status, or any basis proscribed by law;
2. Being convicted of any crime an essential element of which is larceny, embezzlement, obtaining money, property or credit by false pretenses or by means of a confidence game, dishonesty, fraud, misstatement or moral turpitude (e.g., unauthorized disclosure of patient information; improper alteration of a patient record; inappropriate or unlawful use of drugs or alcohol; assault, battery, or abuse of a patient; sexual contact with a patient; gross or repeated malpractice or negligence; improper professional financial dealings);
3. Performing, or pretending to be able to perform, professional services beyond one’s scope of practice and one’s competency as defined by education, training, supervised experience, State and national professional credentials, and appropriate professional experience;
4. Procuring, attempting to procure or renewing a license by bribery or by fraudulent misrepresentation;
5. Aiding or assisting another person in violating any provision of the Act or this Chapter;
6. Misrepresenting educational background, training, credentials, competence, or staff memberships;
7. Exploiting a client for personal advantage, profit, or interest, including engaging in the sexual exploitation of clients;
8. Failing to maintain the confidentiality of any information received from a client, unless otherwise authorized or required by law;
9. Advertising in a matter that is deceptive, misleading, or false. Genetic counselors may only claim or imply professional credentials possessed and are responsible for correcting any misrepresentations of their credentials by others;

10. Submitting fraudulent claims for services to any person or entity including, but not limited to, health insurance companies or health service plans or third party payors;
11. Habitual or excessive use or addiction to alcohol, narcotics, stimulants, or any other chemical agent or drug which results in inability to practice with reasonable skill, judgment, or safety;
12. Receiving discipline by another governmental agency or unit of government, by any jurisdiction of the United States, or by a foreign nation, if at least one of the grounds for the discipline is the same or substantially equivalent to those set forth in the Act or this Chapter; and
13. Committing any other conduct that is violative of the NSGC Code of Ethics, adopted and incorporated by reference into this Chapter.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Subchapter 6 Grounds for Discipline, Administrative Proceedings & Sanctions

Rule 13.6.1 Grounds for Discipline. The Board may deny, refuse to renew, suspend, revoke, or otherwise discipline a licensee, including issuing cease-and-desist orders, reprimands, fines, or probation, upon proof that the licensee has engaged in unlawful or unprofessional conduct that endangers, or is likely to endanger, the health, welfare, or safety of the public. Grounds include, but are not limited to:

1. Obtaining or attempting to obtain a license by fraud, misrepresentation, or concealment of material facts;
2. Engaging in unprofessional conduct as defined by this Chapter or the Code of Ethics of the ABGC, ABMG, or NSGC;
3. Conviction of any crime other than a misdemeanor;
4. Violating any lawful order, rule, or regulation adopted by the Board; or
5. Violating any provision of this Chapter or the Act.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.6.2 Complaints. Any person may file a complaint against an LGC or a person practicing genetic counseling who is not otherwise exempt from the LGC Act. A person wishing to report a complaint or alleged violation against a licensee or person practicing genetic counseling may notify the Department. Complaints will be reviewed and evaluated by the Department. The Department shall

determine whether the complaint alleges a possible violation of the Act or this Chapter. Each complaint received shall be logged, recording at a minimum the following information:

1. Name of the licensed individual;
2. Name of the complaining party, if known;
3. Date of complaint;
4. Brief description of complaint; and
5. Disposition.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.6.3 Investigations.

1. The Board shall have full authority to investigate all applicants and licensees for compliance with the Act and this Chapter.
2. In conducting investigations, the Board may:
 - a. Issue subpoenas;
 - b. Examine witnesses;
 - c. Administer oaths; and
 - d. Seek injunctive relief against unlicensed practice.
3. The Department may commence an investigation whenever it has reason to believe that a violation of the Act or this Chapter has occurred.
4. If grounds for discipline are established, the Board may impose sanctions as provided under Rule 13.6.4 (Sanctions).

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.6.4 Sanctions. Upon finding that a violation of the Act or these Rules has occurred, the Board may impose one or more of the following sanctions:

1. Denial or refusal to renew a license;
2. Suspension or revocation of a license;

3. Issuance of a cease-and-desist order;
4. Issuance of a warning, reprimand, or censure;
5. Placement of the licensee on probation with conditions, which may include:
 - a. Regular reporting to the Department;
 - b. Completion of continuing education to achieve competency; or
 - c. Compliance with other reasonable requirements or restrictions.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.6.5 Administrative Appeals. Any person aggrieved by a decision regarding the initial application for licensure, the renewal of licensure, or the imposition of sanctions shall have the right of administrative appeal as follows:

1. Right to Hearing.

- a. Any applicant or licensee aggrieved by denial, refusal of renewal, suspension, revocation, or other disciplinary action may request a hearing by filing a written request with the Department within fourteen (14) days of receipt of notice of the action.
- b. If requested in writing within the specified time frame, a hearing shall be provided at which the applicant or licensee may show cause why the license should be granted, renewed, or not disciplined.

2. Scheduling and Procedure.

- a. Upon receipt of a timely request, the State Health Officer shall appoint a Hearing Officer within thirty (30) days, who shall schedule the hearing at a time and place convenient to all parties.
- b. Hearings shall be conducted in accordance with due process requirements and may be confidential unless otherwise required by law.
- c. The licensee may appear personally, may be represented by counsel at their own expense, and shall have the right to present witnesses and evidence, and to cross-examine opposing witnesses.
- d. A court reporter shall attend and transcribe the proceeding.

3. Burden of Proof. The burden shall rest with the applicant or licensee to demonstrate that the Department's decision was:

- a. Arbitrary or capricious;
 - b. Unsupported by substantial evidence;
 - c. Beyond the Department's legal authority; or
 - d. In violation of statutory or constitutional rights.
4. **Findings and Recommendation.** Within sixty (60) days of the hearing, or such other period as determined during the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall submit written findings of fact and a recommendation for action on the license in question to the State Health Officer.
5. **Final Decision.** The State Health Officer shall decide what action will be taken on the recommendation within ten (10) days of its receipt. The decision of the State Health Officer shall constitute the Department's Final Order.
- a. Written notice of the decision shall be provided to the applicant or licensee at the address or email on record with the Department. It is the duty of each licensee to maintain current contact information with the Department.
 - b. **Right to Appeal Final Order.** An appeal of the Final Order shall be in accordance with applicable state law. Failure to timely appeal shall render the decision final and unappealable.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.6.6 Summary Suspension. The Board may summarily suspend a license issued under this Chapter without a hearing, simultaneously with the filing of a formal complaint and notice of hearing, if the Board determines that:

- 1. The health, safety, or welfare of the general public is in immediate danger;
or
- 2. The individual's physical capacity to practice his/her profession is in issue;
or
- 3. The individual's mental capacity to practice his/her profession is in issue.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.6.7 Surrender of License.

- 1. A license certificate issued under this Chapter is the property of the Board and must be surrendered on demand.

2. An LGC whose license is suspended or revoked or whose surrender of license with or without prejudice has been accepted by the Board shall promptly deliver the original license and current biennial registration to the Board.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.6.8 Suspension for Failure to Pay Child Support. In addition, the Department is authorized to suspend the license of any licensee for being out of compliance with an order for support, as defined in Section 93-11-153. The procedure for suspension of a license for being out of compliance with an order for support, and the procedure for reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, and the payment of any fees for the reissuance or reinstatement of a license suspended for that purpose, shall be governed by Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be. If there is any conflict between any provision of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163 and any provision of this Chapter, the provisions of Section 93-11-157 or 93-11-163, as the case may be, shall control.

Source: Miss. Code Ann. § 93-11-157, §93-11-163, and 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Subchapter 7 Criminal Offenses and Punishment.

Rule 13.7.1 Offenses. It is a violation of the law for any person to:

1. Sell, fraudulently obtain or furnish any license, or aid or abet therein.
2. Use the title, “genetic counselor”, “licensed genetic counselor”, “gene counselor”, “genetic consultant”, “genetic associate” or any words, letters, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying that a person holds a genetic counseling license to indicate the person using them has received a license from the Mississippi Department of Health.
3. Fail to notify the Board of the suspension, probation or revocation of any past or currently held licenses or certifications required to practice as a genetic counselor in this or any other jurisdiction.
4. Make false representations, impersonate, act as a proxy for another person, allow, or aid any person to impersonate him in connection with any examination or application for license or request to be examined or licensed.
5. Make a material, false statement in an application for licensure, or in a response to any inquiry by the Department or the Board.
6. Otherwise violate any provisions of the Act, or regulations of the Board.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)

Rule 13.7.2 Punishment.

1. Any person who violates any provision of these regulations, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each violation, or imprisoned in the county jail for a period not exceeding six (6) months, or both.
2. Any person who knowingly shall make a material false statement in his application for license under these regulations or in response to any inquiry by the department or the board shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Source: 2025 Miss. Laws S.B. 2699, Miss. Leg. Reg. Session 2025 (eff. March 28, 2025)