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Proposed Action on Regulations

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Title 10

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

Subtitle 58 BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

10.58.15 Supervision Requirements for Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists

Authority: Health Occupations Article, §§17-101, 17-205, 17-301, 17-303, 17-308, 17-309, Annotated Code of Maryland

Notice of Proposed Action

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The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene proposes to amend Regulations .03 and .04 under COMAR 10.58.15 Supervision Requirements for Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists and Licensed Graduate Marriage and Family Therapists.

This action was considered at a public meeting on April 16, 2016, notice of which was given by publication on the Board's website at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/bopc/Pages/index.aspx> pursuant to General Provisions Article, §3-302(c), Annotated Code of Maryland.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this action is to :

- 1) Clarify that 80 percent of the required supervised clinical experience hours for a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist shall be completed under the supervision of a Board-approved licensed clinical marriage and family therapist and the remaining 20 percent of the required supervised clinical experience hours may be completed by a certain mental health care provider, provided they can document a certain amount of experience providing marriage and family therapy services; and
- 2) Correct an inconsistency with COMAR 10.58.08.03C(2).

Comparison to Federal Standards

There is no corresponding federal standard to this proposed action.

Estimate of Economic Impact

The proposed action has no economic impact.

Economic Impact on Small Businesses

The proposed action has minimal or no economic impact on small businesses.

Impact on Individuals with Disabilities

The proposed action has no impact on individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Comments may be sent to Michele Phinney, Director, Office of Regulation and Policy Coordination, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, 201 West Preston Street, Room 512, Baltimore, MD 21201, or call 410-767-6499; TTY:800-735-2258, or email to dhmh.regs@maryland.gov, or fax to 410-6483. Comments will be accepted through October 17, 2016. A public hearing has not been scheduled.

Economic Impact Statement Part C

- A. Fiscal Year in which regulations will become effective: FY 2017
- B. Does the budget for the fiscal year in which regulations become effective contain funds to implement the regulations?
- C. If 'yes', state whether general, special (exact name), or federal funds will be used:
- D. If 'no', identify the source(s) of funds necessary for implementation of these regulations:
- E. If these regulations have no economic impact under Part A, indicate reason briefly: The Board is not increasing the number of required hours of supervision, but correcting an inconsistency with another regulation.
- F. If these regulations have minimal or no economic impact on small businesses under Part B, indicate the reason and attach small business worksheet. It is incumbent upon licensees to obtain the required number of hours of supervised experience, not upon a small business.
- G. Small Business Worksheet:

Attached Document:

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.03 Composition of Supervised Clinical Experience.

A. A licensed graduate marriage and family therapist shall complete at least 80 percent of the requisite hours of supervised clinical experience in marriage and family therapy under the supervision of an approved [licensed clinical marriage and family therapy supervisor] *supervisor who is a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist.*

B. A licensed graduate marriage and family therapist may complete the [remainder] *remaining 20 percent* of the hours of supervised clinical experience in marriage and family therapy under the supervision of one of the following, provided the supervisor can document a minimum of 5 years' experience delivering marriage and family therapy services:

(1)—(4) (text unchanged)

.04 Required Hours of Supervised Experience.

A. (text unchanged)

B. The supervised clinical experience required in §A of this regulation shall include:

(1) (text unchanged)

(2) [50] *100* face-to-face clinical supervision hours, of which:

(a) At least [25] *50* hours shall be face-to-face individual supervision; and

(b) [25] *50* hours may be in face-to-face group supervision.

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