

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control _____ Department or Agency: Alabama Board of Examiners of Marriage and Family Therapy

Rule No.: 536-X-2

Rule Title: Requirements for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

_____ New Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly Harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's Police power and the protection of the public health, Safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation Available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or Indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services Involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public Than the harm that might result from the absence of The proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely For the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary Effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer  _____

Date: April 20, 2018

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Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage
And Family Therapy

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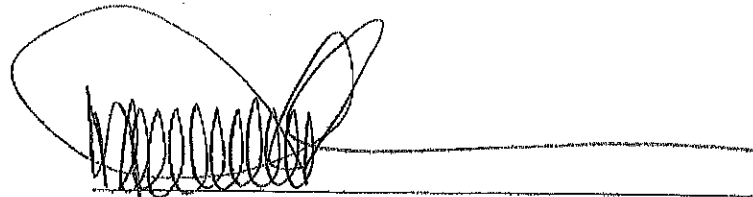
INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Board proposes amend the
regulations to include teletherapy services within the scope of practice and
outline procedures and policies that must be followed by marriage and family
therapists.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be
received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2018. Comments
should be directed to Keith E. Warren, Executive Director at 2777 Zelda Road,
Montgomery, AL 36106 or via electronic mail at keith@alstateboard.com or via
telephone at 334-395-7455.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Monday, June 4, 2018.

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CHAPTER 536-X-2
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536-X-2-.01 Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist (LMFT). An individual who has met Board requirements to practice marriage and family therapy.

Author: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-17A-1 thru 34-17A-26.

History: New Rule: Filed July 10, 2006; effective August 14, 2006.

Amended: Filed February 8, 2012; effective March 14, 2012.

536-X-2-.02 Requirements For Licensure: Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist (LMFT).

(1) Submission of a completed application on the forms prescribed by the Board (See 536-X-5 APPENDICES 2: FORMS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS); and submission of applicable fees prescribed by the Board (See 536-X-5 APPENDICES 1: FEES).

(2) Evidence that the applicant is of good moral character and has not or is not engaged in any practice or conduct that would make the applicant ineligible to receive a license pursuant to the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Act;

(3) Completion of the education and internships requirements for an MFT Associate (See 536-X-4-.02: Requirements

for designation: Marriage and Family Therapy Associate (MFT Associate));

(4) Passed the marriage and family therapy examination approved by the Board (See 536-X-4-.07 Guidelines for Examination Application Requirements);

(5) Completion of a minimum of two (2) years post-degree full time (30 ~~or more~~ ~~clock~~ hours per week average) MFT work experience or the equivalent part time MFT work experience under the supervision of a Board Approved Supervisor;

(6) (a) Completion of two-hundred (200) hours of supervision, one-hundred (100) of which must be individual. Candidates may count up to one-hundred (100) supervision hours earned during the graduate program toward this requirement, when based on a ratio of one (1) supervision hour for every five (5) client contact hours completed concurrently. The remaining one hundred (100) hours of post degree supervision must include at least fifty (50) hours of individual supervision. Graduates from COAMFTE programs have met this requirement. Graduate from a CACREP Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling (MCFC) program who receives a letter of verification from the Educational Program Director from the respective institution have met this requirement. Applicants from allied mental health professions or candidates not completing a Board approved graduate internship must complete concurrently the full supervision requirement post-degree while being supervised by an AAMFT Approved Supervisor, AAMFT Supervisor Candidate, ABEMFT Approved Supervisor, or ABEMFT Supervisor Candidate. ~~Programs that are not COAMFTE approved require board approval prior to beginning the internship.~~

(b) All out of state applicants will be reviewed on a case by case basis to ensure that the same standards are met.

(7) Completion of a minimum of one-thousand (1000) post-degree direct client hours completed concurrently with the required ratio of one (1) supervision hour to every ten (10) client contact hours; two hundred-fifty (250) of these direct contact hours must be with couples or families physically present in the therapy room.

(8) It is the responsibility of the candidate and the supervisor to ensure that direct client contact hours and supervision hours are concurrent. This applies for hours toward the internship and post-degree requirements. Individuals who have graduated from

a COAMFTE or CACREP MCFC program have met this requirement for their internship, but must document their post-degree hours.

(9) In order for an LMFT license to be renewed the licensee must have completed the required Continuing Education or Experience Units during the previous twenty-four (24) months. (see 536-X-6 REQUIRED RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION EXPERIENCE); and submission of applicable fees for license renewal prescribed by the Board (See 536-X-5: APPENDICES 1: FEES).

Author: The Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§34-17A-1 thru 34-17A-26.

History: New Rule: Filed July 10, 2006; effective August 14, 2006.

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536-X-2-.03 Endorsement Of An Individual Who Is Licensed/Registered As An MFT Under The Laws Of Another State Or Territory Of The United States Or Of A Foreign Country.

(1) Submission of a completed application on the forms prescribed by the Board; (See 536-X-5 APPENDICES 2: FORMS ASSOCIATED WITH THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS); and submission of applicable fees prescribed by the Board (See 536-X-5 APPENDICES 1: FEES).

(2) Evidence that the applicant is of good moral character and has not or is not engaged in any practice or conduct that would make the applicant ineligible to receive a license pursuant to the Marriage and Family Therapy Licensure Act;

(3) Evidence that the applicant is licensed or registered as a marriage and family therapist in another state which has requirements for licensure/registration that are equivalent to or exceed the requirements of the Board.

(4) Certification from the applicant's current licensure board indicating the time during which the applicant was licensed/registered; whether the file of the applicant contains any record of disciplinary actions taken or pending; and examination(s) taken and examination score(s) received.

(5) In order for an LMFT license to be renewed the licensee must have completed the required Continuing Education or Experience Units during the previous twenty-four (24) months. (see 536-X-6 REQUIRED RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

EXPERIENCE); and submission of applicable fees for license renewal prescribed by the Board (See 536-X-5: APPENDICES 1: FEES).

Note: No person shall be required to be licensed under this law who is not a resident of this state, but offers services in this state, provided:

1. Such services are performed for no more than five (5) days in any month and no more than fifteen (15) days in any calendar year; and

2. Such nonresident is licensed or certified to practice the services provided by a state or territory of the United States or by a foreign country or province.

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