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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE
OF INTENDED ACTION

Control: 536

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

Rule No.: 536-X-4-.02

Rule Title: Requirements For Designation: Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist (LMFT)

Intended Action Amend

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? No

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? No

To what degree?: N/A

Is the increase in cost more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NA

Are all facets of the rule-making process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

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

Claire H. Austin
Claire Hannah Austin

Date

Monday, August 19, 2024

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ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family
Therapy

RULE NO. & TITLE: 536-X-4-.02 Requirements For Designation: Licensed
Marriage And Family Therapist (LMFT)

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

The Board of Examiners in Marriage and Family Therapy propose to amend and strike their Administrative Code or Rules under which they operate to update the standards of the industry. Specifically, the requirements for designation for Associate Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

TIME, PLACE AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

Written Comments, views, or arguments will be received by the MFT Board through business office hours COB, October 4, 2024. Comments should be directed to Claire Austin, Executive Director, 60 Commerce Street - Suite 1440 - Montgomery, AL 36104

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

Thursday, October 24, 2024

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

Claire H. Austin - Executive
Director - MFT - 334-657-9440

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Claire Hannah Austin

(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

Requirements For Designation: Associate Licensed Marriage And Family Therapist (LMFT-A) y Therapist (LMFT).

Currentness

(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 for application and license prescribed by the Board (see 536-X-5 APPENDICES 1: FEES).

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

(3) Graduation from a regionally accredited educational institute with a masters or doctoral degree in marriage and family therapy (or in an allied field with graduate level course work in marriage and family therapy) that meets the Board course requirements. (see 536-X-5: BOARD COURSE REQUIREMENTS).

~~Individuals who have graduated from a COAMFTE, CACREP MCFC Accredited, program have met this requirement.~~

(4) Completion of an internship either during the qualifying degree and/or as a post degree experience consisting of the following:

(a) minimum of 12 months of internship;

(b) minimum of 100 supervision hours based on the ratio of one—(1) supervision hour for every five (5) direct client contact hours completed concurrently; fifty (50) of these hours must be individual supervision. Group supervision is encouraged. The supervision must be provided by a State Board Approved Supervisor or an AAMFT Approved Supervisor~~Board Approved Supervisor;~~

(c) minimum of five hundred (500) direct client contact hours obtained concurrently with the required supervision; at least two hundred fifty (250) of these direct client contact hours must be with couples or families physically present in the therapy room;

(d) 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 program have met this requirement for their internship, but must document their post-degree hours.~~

~~(e) Individuals who have graduated from a COAMFTE or CACREP MCFC program have met requirements a-d.~~

(5) Submission of a contract for supervision that must be approved by the Board (see 536-X-1-.01 (11): Definition of Terms: Supervision).

(6) In order for a MFT Associate to be renewed, the Associate must have completed the required Continuing Education 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 November 15, 2000; effective December 20, 2000. **Amended (Rule Number Only):** Filed March 21, 2005; effective April 25, 2005. **Repealed and New Rule:** Filed July 10, 2006; effective August 14, 2006. **Amended:** Filed April 19, 2007; effective May 24, 2007. **Amended:** Filed February 8, 2012; effective March 14, 2012. **Amended:** Filed June 19, 2019; effective August 3, 2019. **Amended:** Published ; effective
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