

Alabama Board of Examiners in Marriage
And Family Therapy

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

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

RULE NO. & TITLE: 536-X-3 Board Approved Marriage and Family
Therapy Designations

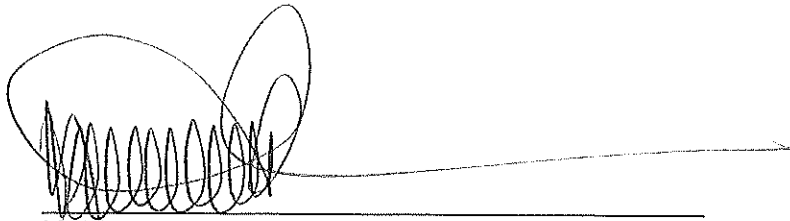
INTENDED ACTION: Amend

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.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Keith E. Warren
Executive Director
2777 Zelda Road
Montgomery, AL 36106
(334) 395-7455

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Keith E. Warren, *Executive Director*
Alabama Board of Examiners of Marriage and
Family Therapy

**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

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

Rule No.: 536-X-3

Rule Title: Board Approved Marriage and Family Therapy Designations

_____ 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

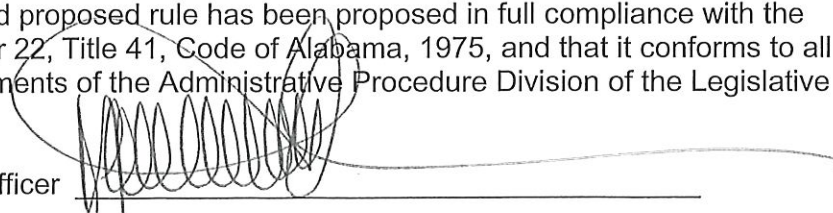
Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely For the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary Effect, the protection of the public? Yes

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
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 536-X-3
BOARD APPROVED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
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(1) Marriage and Family Therapy Intern (MFT Intern) - An individual who is enrolled ~~in or graduated from a~~ and has yet to graduate from a program that meets the Board course requirements or has yet to complete the required internship and is practicing marriage and family therapy under Board approved supervision an AAMFT Approved Supervisor, AAMFT Supervisor Candidate, ABEMFT Approved Supervisor, or ABEMFT Supervisor Candidate in a training institution, facility, or supervisory arrangement recognized and approved by the Board. An individual may remain an MFT Intern for a maximum of four (4) years. if:

(a) MFT Interns are continuously practicing under supervision by an AAMFT Approved Supervisor, AAMFT Supervisor Candidate, ABEMFT Approved Supervisor, or ABEMFT Supervisor Candidate

(b) MFT Interns are actively working towards graduation or working to meet internship requirements

(c) MFT Interns receive one hour of supervision for every five hours of face-to-face therapy.

(2) Marriage and Family Therapist Associate (MFT Associate) - An individual who has graduated from a program that meets the Board course requirements, has completed the required internship, and is practicing marriage and family therapy under a Board approved supervisory arrangement to complete the minimum two-year postgraduate supervision requirement, as approved by the Board. An individual may remain and MFT Associate for a maximum of five (5) years if:

(a) MFT Associates are continuously practicing under supervision by an AAMFT Approved Supervisor, AAMFT Supervisor Candidate, ABEMFT Approved Supervisor, or ABEMFT Supervisor Candidate

(b) MFT Associates receive one hour of supervision for every ten hours of face-to-face therapy.

(3) LMFT Supervisor Candidate - A Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) who is under Board approved supervision of supervision.

(4) LMFT Approved Supervisor - A Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) who has met Board requirements to provide MFT Supervision.

(5) LMFT Supervisor Mentor - A Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) Approved Supervisor who has met the experience requirements to provide supervision to LMFT Supervisor Candidate.

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:** Filed March 21, 2005; effective April 25, 2005. **Amended:** Filed July 10, 2006; effective August 14, 2006. **Amended:** Filed December 22, 2009; effective January 26, 2010. **Amended:** Filed February 8, 2012; effective March 14, 2012. **Amended:** Filed April 20, 2018.

Ed Note: Chapter 536-X-2 was renumbered to Chapter 536-X-3 as per certification filed July 10, 2006; effective August 14, 2006.