

HB353 Marital & Family Therapist Licensure & Services

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District 16

Explanation of Changes: HB 353 30-LS1425\O

Section 1. AS 08.63.100(a): What's the issue?

What is currently in statute:

(C) after receiving a degree described in (B) of this paragraph, has

- (i) practiced marital and family therapy, including 1,500 hours of direct clinical contact with couples, individuals, and families; and
- (ii) been supervised in the clinical contact for at least 200 hours, including 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision approved by the board;

Language in HB353 version A:

15 (C) after receiving a degree described in (B) of this paragraph,
16 has
17 [(i)] practiced supervised marital and family therapy,
18 including 1,500 hours of [DIRECT] clinical contact with couples,
19 individuals, and families; the 1,500 hours of [AND
20 (ii) BEEN SUPERVISED IN THE] clinical contact
21 must include [FOR] at least [200 HOURS, INCLUDING] 100 hours
22 of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision approved
23 by the board; the 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours
24 of group supervision may be conducted by one or more
25 supervisors;

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New language in HB353 version O:

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(C) after receiving a degree described in (B) of this paragraph,
has
[(i) practiced **supervised** marital and family therapy,
including **1,700** [1,500] hours of [DIRECT] clinical contact with
couples, individuals, and families; [AND
(ii) BEEN SUPERVISED IN] the clinical contact **must**
include [FOR] at least [200 HOURS, INCLUDING] 100 hours of
individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision approved by
the board; **the 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of**
group supervision may be conducted by one or more supervisors;

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The 1,700 hours of clinical contact must be supervised.

100 must be individual supervision and 100 must be group supervision.

The 200 hours can be supervised by more than one supervisor.

Section 2. AS 08.63.120(b)

- A supervisor who supervises during individual supervision must have a license and have practiced marital and family therapy for 5 years.

OR

- A supervisor who supervises during group supervision can have a license as:
 - A professional counselor (LPC)
 - A marital and family therapist (LMFT)
 - A physician (M.D.)
 - A psychologist (Psy.D)
 - A clinical social worker (LCSW)

Section 3. AS 47.07.030(b)

Marital and family therapists' services have been added to the list of services that DHSS may offer for Medicaid recipients.

Section 4.

- **DHSS and the Board of Marital and Family Therapists may adopt regulations necessary to implement the changes brought forth in this bill.**

Section 5.

- **Section 4 of this bill will take effect immediately.**

Section 6.

- The effective date is January 1, 2019.

Questions?

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