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SB 105 Sectional Analysis, version N

"An Act relating to the licensure of marital and family therapists; relating to professional liability insurance for marital and family therapists; relating to medical assistance for marital and family therapy services; and providing for an effective date."

Sections 1 & 2 of the bill impact AS 08.63 "Marital & Family Therapy" and the subsections 08.63.100 "Qualifications for license to practice" and 08.63.120 "Authorized Supervisors."

Section 1: "Qualifications for license to practice" - AS 08.63.100(a)

PAGE 2, LINES 16-24: adds a supervision requirement for martial & family therapists and clarifies that the required 1,700 hours of clinical contact must include 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision and that may be conducted by one or more supervisors.

Section 2: impacts "Authorized Supervisors" – AS 08.63.120(b)

PAGE 2, LINES 29-31 + PAGE 3, LINES 1-13: Clarifies individual supervision requirements and expands the group supervision to include professional counselors, marital & family therapists, physicians who are licensed as a psychiatrist, an advanced practice registered nurse who is certified to provide psychiatric or mental health services by an entity recognized by the Board of Nursing, a psychologist, and a social worker.

Section 3 impacts AS 47.07 "Medical Assistance for Needy Persons" and the subsection AS 47.07.030 "Medical Services to be Provided."

Section 3: impacts "Medical Services to be Provided" – AS 47.07.030(b)

PAGE 3, LINE 26: adds marital and family therapy services to the list of optional services available through the Dept. of Health & Social Services under this subsection.

Section 4:

PAGE 4, LINES 3-8: amends the uncodified law to authorize the Department of Health and Social Services and the Board of Marital and Family Therapy to adopt regulations to implement the changes of this act.

Section 5:

PAGE 4, LINE 9: contains the immediate effective date for Section 6 which refers to the regulation development.

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PAGE 4, LINE 10: provides for a January 1, 2019 effective date for all sections other than Section 6.