

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 353(L&C)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:****Referred:****Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE SPOHNHOLZ****A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to the licensure of marital and family therapists; relating to medical**  
2   **assistance for marital and family therapists' services; and providing for an effective**  
3   **date."**

4   **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5   \* **Section 1.** AS 08.63.100(a) is amended to read:

6                   (a) The board shall issue a license to practice marital and family therapy to a  
7                   person who  
8                           (1) applies on a form provided by the board;  
9                           (2) pays the fee established under AS 08.01.065;  
10                           (3) furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the person  
11                                   (A) has not engaged in conduct that is a ground for imposing  
12                                   disciplinary sanctions under AS 08.63.210;  
13                                   (B) holds a master's degree or doctorate in marital and family  
14                                   therapy or allied mental health field from a regionally accredited educational

1 institution approved by the board for which the person completed a course of  
2 study that included instruction substantially equivalent to the following:

3 (i) three courses or nine semester or 12 quarter hours of  
4 course work in marital and family therapy;

5 (ii) three courses or nine semester or 12 quarter hours of  
6 course work in marital and family studies;

7 (iii) three courses or nine semester or 12 quarter hours of  
8 course work in human development;

9 (iv) one course or three semester or four quarter hours  
10 of course work in professional studies or professional ethics and law;

11 (v) one course or three semester or four quarter hours of  
12 course work in research; and

13 (vi) one year of supervised clinical practice in marital  
14 and family therapy;

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

17 [(i)] practiced **supervised** marital and family therapy,  
18 including **1,700** [1,500] hours of [DIRECT] clinical contact with  
19 couples, individuals, and families; [AND

20 (ii) BEEN SUPERVISED IN] the clinical contact **must**  
21 **include** [FOR] at least [200 HOURS, INCLUDING] 100 hours of  
22 individual supervision and 100 hours of group supervision approved by  
23 the board; **the 100 hours of individual supervision and 100 hours of**  
24 **group supervision may be conducted by one or more supervisors;**

25 (D) has received training related to domestic violence; and  
26 (E) has passed a written or oral examination administered by  
27 the board.

28 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 08.63.120(b) is amended to read:

29 (b) A person who supervises a licensee under this section **during**  
30 **(1) individual supervision** must  
31 **(A) [(1)] have practiced marital and family therapy for five**

1 years;

2 **(B)** [(2)] be licensed under this chapter; and

3 **(C)** [(3)] meet the minimum standards established by the board  
4 for approved supervisors; **or**

5 **(2) group supervision must be licensed to practice as a**

6 **(A) professional counselor under AS 08.29;**

7 **(B) marital and family therapist under AS 08.63;**

8 **(C) physician under AS 08.64 who is a psychiatrist;**

9 **(D) psychologist under AS 08.86; or**

10 **(E) clinical social worker under AS 08.95.**

11 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 47.07.030(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) In addition to the mandatory services specified in (a) of this section and the  
13 services provided under (d) of this section, the department may offer only the  
14 following optional services: case management services for traumatic or acquired brain  
15 injury; case management and nutrition services for pregnant women; personal care  
16 services in a recipient's home; emergency hospital services; long-term care  
17 noninstitutional services; medical supplies and equipment; advanced practice  
18 registered nurse services; clinic services; rehabilitative services for children eligible  
19 for services under AS 47.07.063, substance abusers, and emotionally disturbed or  
20 chronically mentally ill adults; targeted case management services; inpatient  
21 psychiatric facility services for individuals 65 years of age or older and individuals  
22 under 21 years of age; psychologists' services; clinical social workers' services;  
23 **marital and family therapists' services;** midwife services; prescribed drugs; physical  
24 therapy; occupational therapy; chiropractic services; low-dose mammography  
25 screening, as defined in AS 21.42.375(e); hospice care; treatment of speech, hearing,  
26 and language disorders; adult dental services; prosthetic devices and eyeglasses;  
27 optometrists' services; intermediate care facility services, including intermediate care  
28 facility services for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; skilled  
29 nursing facility services for individuals under 21 years of age; and reasonable  
30 transportation to and from the point of medical care.

31 \* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Health and Social Services and  
3 the Board of Marital and Family Therapy may adopt regulations necessary to implement the  
4 changes made by this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative  
5 Procedure Act), but not before the effective date of the law implemented by the regulation.

6 \* **Sec. 5.** Section 4 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

7 \* **Sec. 6.** Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2019.