



# LAWS OF ALASKA

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**Source**

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**Chapter No.**

73

**AN ACT**

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

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9 \* Section 1. AS 47.30.915(11) is amended to read:

10 (11) "mental health professional" means a psychiatrist or physician  
11 who is licensed by the State Medical Board to practice in this state or is employed by

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1 the federal government; a clinical psychologist licensed by the state Board of  
2 Psychologist and Psychological Associate Examiners; a psychological associate  
3 trained in clinical psychology and licensed by the Board of Psychologist and  
4 Psychological Associate Examiners; a registered nurse with a master's degree in  
5 psychiatric nursing, licensed by the State Board of Nursing; a marital and family  
6 therapist licensed by the Board of Marital and Family Therapy; a professional  
7 counselor licensed by the Board of Professional Counselors; [AND] a clinical  
8 social worker licensed by the Board of Social Work Examiners; and a person who  
9 (A) has [WITH] a master's degree in the field of mental  
10 health;  
11 (B) has at least 12 months of post-masters working [IN  
12 SOCIAL WORK AND SUBSTANTIAL] experience in the field of mental  
13 illness; and  
14 (C) is working under the supervision of a type of licensee  
15 listed in this paragraph;