

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

**Board of Examiners for Social Workers
And Marriage and Family Therapists**

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Marriage and Family Therapists**
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Sections 73-53-11, 73-53-17, and 73-54-11(1) of the
Mississippi Code; and Sections 25-43-1.101 et seq. of the
Mississippi Code}

**Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the
Proposed Rule :**{ Insert citation to specific rule(s) repealed,
amended or suspended Section A I.c, 3.c., VI, VIII, IX.c,
Section B I.B, C., H.,;II.C 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; III; IV; VII;
VIII; IX; XI.
Section C, III B2, C.1.d, C.2.c.; IV. B 1,2; C.3.e, 6, 7.F.1.e;
D.1.b, 2.; 4.e.6&7. F.; V.A.1; VI.4; VII; IX.

**Specific Legal Authority authorizing the
promulgation of Rule:** {Insert citation to state or
federal statute, or rule. Miss. Code Annotated Section

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: Section A of the general
rules applicable to both social workers and marriage and family therapists will be amended to provide a guideline as to when
documents and other items are deemed received by the Board; to require criminal background and sex offense registry
checks; and to further define the complaint and summary suspension processes.

Section B of the rules that have specific applicability to social workers will contain language that amends, updates, clarifies
and add to provisions regarding clinical social work practice; macro social work practice; psychotherapy; the status of
licenses (active or in good standing, emergency licensure, inactive license, license reinstatement, and revoked licenses); the
levels of social work licensure; supervision requirements for Licensed Clinical Social Workers; guidelines for the practice of
social work; renewal of social work licenses; the continuing education process and requirements; acceptable methods of
making payments to the Board; and additions to Board fees and costs for retrieving information, applications, plans of
supervision, social work licensee address list, and copy of rules and regulations.

Section C of the rules that have specific applicability to marriage and family therapists will contain language that amends,
updates, clarifies and add to provisions regarding the denial of licensure applications; criminal background and sex offender
registry checks; requirements for reinstatement of licenses; moral character; allowable credit for marriage and family therapy
supervision; requirement that plans of supervision be signed by the supervisor and supervisee; dates by which supervision
must be completed; time and frequency for taking licensure examinations; online application for initial and renewal licenses;
the continuing education process and requirements; and the costs for applications and copies of the rules and regulation and
licensee address list.

This rule is proposed as a Final Rule, and/or a Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

**Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above
address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and
if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.**

Oral Proceeding: Check one box below:

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: {Insert Date} Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at
the above address at least _____ day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should
include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or
attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement: Check one box below:

- The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or
- The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Date Rule Proposed: January 23, 2009

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: April 1, 2009


_____, Executive Director
Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing