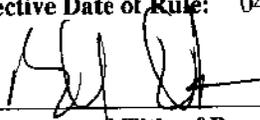


This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule. The differences however are: Within the scope of the matters in the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

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

Effective Date of Rule: 04/01/2009


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

NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION--- FINAL RULE

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Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Proposed Rule : { Insert citation to specific rule(s) repealed, amended or suspended Section A I.c, 3.c, VI, VIII, IX.c, Section B I.B, C., H.,;II.C 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10; III; IV; VII; VIII; IX; XI, Section C, III B2,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

Date Rule Proposed: January 23, 2009

Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule: {Insert citation to state or

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.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comments received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

An oral proceeding was held on this rule:

Date: {Insert Date}

Time: {Insert Time}

Place: {Insert Place}

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and

This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.