

DRAFT LETTER FROM MFT SECTION FOR REVIEW: General Fund

To whom it may concern:

The Marriage and Family Therapy Section would like to inquire about the need for using our General Fund as a way to supplement funding for hiring new staff. We are aware of, and very concerned by, the extensive wait times and severe delays for processing paperwork and applications that has led to significant impacts on the mental health services in our state. A solution for this issue needs to be determined. Yet we want to ensure the solution to this problem is not on the backs of our Wisconsin's MFT license holders.

Mental Health has been deemed a priority in Wisconsin, particularly due to the mental health impacts of COVID-19 in our state. We wonder how this priority will be reflected in the state budget, thus alleviating the need to use the General Fund in the future. This problem has extensive ripple effects and needs attention promptly. We look forward to hearing how this problem will be addressed.

Thank you,

Wisconsin MFT Section