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TELEHEALTH AND REMOTE SUPERVISION

In response to questions received during the COVID-19 health emergency, this document aims to clarify the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board's administrative rules as they relate to the provision of telehealth and the appropriate supervision of credential applicant clinical training hours. This document shall expire upon the termination of the public health emergency declared on March 12, 2020, by Executive Order #72.

Telehealth

Question: May persons credentialed by the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work (MPSW) Examining Board, or authorized to practice in Wisconsin on the basis of Public Health Emergency Order (PHEO) #16 or 2019 Wisconsin Act 185 §105 (6), provide treatment to individuals physically located in Wisconsin via telehealth, or the practice of marriage and family therapy, professional counseling, or social work provided through the use of information exchanged from one site to another via electronic communications including video or audio-only telephone, but not email messages, text messages, facsimile transmission, mail or parcel service, or any combination thereof?

Answer: Yes. An individual credentialed by the MPSW Examining Board or authorized to practice in Wisconsin under PHEO #16 or Act 185 §105 (6) may provide treatment to individuals physically located in Wisconsin via telehealth so long as the treatment is within the scope of practice of the provider and complies with the standards of professional conduct established under MPSW 20. Individuals practicing under the authority of PHEO #16 or Act 185 must apply for a temporary credential within 10 days of beginning practice and must carry professional liability insurance in compliance with § MPSW 1.10. The healthcare facility in which the individual is to practice must demonstrate that the individual is needed to ensure the continued and safe delivery of healthcare services. The healthcare facility must notify the board within 5 days of the individual beginning practice.

Supervision of Credential Applicant Training Hours

Question: May applicants for a credential or specialty issued by the MPSW Examining Board satisfy required supervised clinical training hour requirements through the use of remote supervision methods?

Answer: Yes. The MPSW Examining Board will allow the use of remote supervision methods, such as Skype, in lieu of in-person supervision. This is true so long as the supervisor meets the supervisor qualifications requirements under existing board rules, the treatment is within the scope of practice of the provider and complies with the standards of professional conduct established under MPSW 20, and the supervisor is closely monitoring and able to interrupt the supervisee and stop the session if necessary.