

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT
TITLE 86. STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LICENSURE
CHAPTER 15. LICENSED MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPIST

1. **DESCRIPTION:** The proposed amendments to 86:15-1-3 strikes the definition for “On-site supervisor”. The proposed amendments to 86:15-5-2 strikes required documentation that is no longer needed to complete the Supervision Agreement form. The proposed amendments to 86:15-5-3 more clearly defines the regional accrediting bodies, more clearly defines the graduate degree and coursework requirements and aligns the requirement language with language used in surrounding states and similar behavioral health licenses, strikes duplicative language no longer needed, more clearly defines the Board’s graduate degree review process, includes additional option for the Board to utilize a designated credentialing agency to determine the fitness of a graduate degree program, more clearly defines the process of review for degrees earned from institutions outside of the United States, and strikes language regarding international degrees that is no longer needed. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-2 strikes the requirement for the use of technology-assisted supervision to be approved by the Board and the factors to be considered for approval, strikes the requirement for an On-site supervisor to be employed at the same facility where a candidate for licensure is accruing supervised experience, and more clearly defines that a Board approved supervisor shall be immediately available to the candidate for licensure any time the candidate is engaging in the practice of marital and family therapy. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-4 more clearly defines “full time” on-the-job experience to align with current requirements, strikes the requirement for two (2) observations to be performed each six (6) month evaluation period and strikes the requirement for the Board approved supervisor to consult with the approved On-site supervisor each six (6) month reporting period. The proposed amendments to 86:15-9-5 strikes the requirement to document observations and the date of consultation between the Board approved supervisor and on-site supervisor when submitting the Evaluation of Supervised Experience.
2. **CLASSES OF PERSONS BENEFITTED:** Persons benefitting would be Licensed Marital and Family Therapists, Licensed Marital and Family Therapist Candidates, Licensed Marital and Family Therapist supervisors, consumers, employers, and Agency staff.
3. **ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The Board does not anticipate any economic impact upon the most likely affected classes of persons or political subdivisions as a result of implementation of the proposed rule change at this time.
4. **COST:** The Board does not anticipate any costs to the Board to implement and enforce as a result of the proposed changes in the rules at this time. Additional record keeping, if any, will be performed by existing staff.
5. **IMPACT ON POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS:** The Board does not anticipate any economic impact on any political subdivision to implement the proposed rule changes at this time.

6. **ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS:** The Board does not anticipate any adverse economic impact on small businesses as a result of these proposed rule changes at this time.
7. **LESS COSTLY METHODS:** None.
8. **SIGNIFICANT RISKS:** The Board does not anticipate any impact on public health, safety, or environment as a result of these proposed rule changes at this time.
9. **DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS:** The Board does not anticipate any detrimental effects on public health, safety, or environment as a result of these proposed rules changes at this time.
10. The initial rule impact statement was prepared on September 15, 2025.