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Administrative Code Citation

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 13:34

Text

Notice of Readoption

Rules of the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners

Authority: N.J.S.A. 45:8B-13 and 34.

Authorized By: Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Christopher Castro, Chair.

Effective Date: December 28, 2023.

New Expiration Date: December 28, 2030.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 13:34 were scheduled to expire on March 3, 2024. The rules establish standards for the licensing and regulation of marriage and family therapists, associate marriage and family therapists, professional counselors, associate counselors, and rehabilitation counselors.

Subchapter 1 addresses general provisions, including definitions and provisions regarding the scope of practice of marriage and family therapy, service of process, license renewal, reactivation, and reinstatement. Subchapter 2 sets forth the requirements for licensure and application procedures for marriage and family therapists and associate marriage and family therapists. Subchapter 3 addresses supervision of licensed associate marriage and family therapists and the responsibilities of qualified supervisors. Subchapter 4 addresses the practice of marriage and family therapy by certain unlicensed individuals.

Subchapter 5 addresses continuing education. Subchapter 6 addresses the general obligations of licensed marriage and family therapists and licensed associate marriage and family therapists including, financial arrangements with clients, conflicts of interest, termination of service, and sexual misconduct and harassment. Subchapter 7 defines professional misconduct and addresses professional interactions with clients.

Subchapter 8 addresses client records and confidentiality. Subchapter 9 addresses advertising and includes provisions on minimum content, use of professional credentials and certifications, advertisements regarding fees, prohibited types of advertising, use of testimonials, and retention of advertisements. Subchapter 9A addresses custody/parenting time evaluations and/or termination of parental rights evaluations.

Subchapter 10 sets forth provisions regarding the purpose and scope of the rules governing professional counselors and associate counselors, definitions, and the scope of practice of professional counselors and associate counselors. Subchapter 11 addresses the application procedures for professional counselors and associate counselors. Subchapter 12 addresses licensure by endorsement for professional counselors.

Subchapter 13 addresses supervision requirements for associate counselors and the responsibilities of qualified supervisors. Subchapter 14 addresses professional counselor specialty designations. Subchapter 15 addresses the continuing education requirements for licensed professional counselors and associate counselors. Subchapter 16 is reserved.

Subchapter 17 addresses fees charged by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. Subchapter 18 addresses client records and confidentiality. Subchapter 19 addresses the general obligations of licensed professional counselors and associate counselors and includes provisions regarding sexual misconduct, real estate arrangements, service of process, license renewal, reactivation, and reinstatement.

[page=216] Subchapter 20 addresses general provisions regarding rehabilitation counselors, including definitions and scope of practice. Subchapter 21 addresses the application procedure for rehabilitation counselors. Subchapter 22 is reserved. Subchapter 23 addresses supervision requirements for rehabilitation counselors and the responsibilities of qualified supervisors.

Subchapter 24 addresses the continuing education requirements for rehabilitation counselors. Subchapter 25 is reserved. Subchapter 26 addresses fees charged by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners. Subchapter 27 addresses client records and confidentiality. Subchapter 28 addresses the general obligations of licensed rehabilitation counselors and includes provisions regarding sexual misconduct, real estate arrangements, service of process, license renewal, reactivation, and reinstatement.

Subchapter 29 addresses advertising and includes provisions regarding minimum content, use of professional credentials and certifications, prohibited types or methods of advertising, and retention of advertisement. Subchapter 30 addresses professional conduct and the business practices of professional counselors, associate counselors, and rehabilitation counselors. Subchapter 31 addresses custody/parenting time evaluations and/or termination of parental rights evaluations. Subchapter 32 addresses telemedicine and telehealth.

The Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners and, with respect to the rules concerning professional counselors, associate counselors, and rehabilitation counselors, the Professional Counselors Examiners Committee, have reviewed the rules and have determined them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules are readopted without change and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.

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