

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

### Department of Health and Hospitals Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners

Required Continuing Education in Diagnosis for LMFTs (LAC 46:LX.3503)

The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Louisiana Professional Counselors Board of Examiners has exercised the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, specifically R.S. 49:953(B), to adopt rules relative to continuing education for LMFTs in diagnosis and to revise Section 3503 of board rules. This Emergency Rule is effective November 20, 2014 for a period of 120 days. This action is necessary to ensure licensed marriage and family therapists obtain the appropriate continuing education to be in compliance with Act 736 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session. The Louisiana Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners is in the process of developing the permanent Rule associated with Act 736 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session and will revise Section 3503 as part of this larger Rule change.

#### Title 46

### PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

#### Part LX. Licensed Professional Counselors

##### Board of Examiners

#### Subpart 2. Professional Standards for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists

#### Chapter 35. Renewal of License

#### §3503. Continuing Education Requirements

A. - A.8. ...

9. A licensee must accrue six clock hours of training in diagnosis every renewal period that specifically addresses the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of clinical conditions under the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, Fifth Edition (DSM-5), as published by the American Psychiatric Association on May 18, 2013. This required training may be specific to the diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of a particular condition and/or may be general training in diagnosis, assessment, and treatment under the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, Edition (DSM-5), published on May 18, 2013.

10. Those licensed marriage and family therapists who hold another license that requires continuing education hours may count the continuing education hours obtained for that license toward their LMFT CEU requirements. Of the 40 CEUs submitted, however, 20 hours must be in the area of marriage and family therapy with an emphasis upon systemic approaches or the theory, research, or practice of systemic psychotherapeutic work with couples or families including three hours of ethics specific to marriage and family therapy.

11. The approval of and requirements for continuing education are specified in Subsection C.

B. - C.3.g. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 37:1101-1123.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Licensed Professional Counselors Board of Examiners, LR 29:160 (February 2003), repromulgated LR 29:581 (April 2003), amended LR 29:2789 (December 2003), LR 40:

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