

## **Notice of Submittal of Proposed Rule to Legislative Council Rules Clearinghouse**

On February 5, 2024, the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board submitted a proposed rule to the Wisconsin Legislative Council Clearinghouse pursuant to s. 227.15 (1), Wis. Stats.

### **Analysis**

The Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling and Social Work Examining Board completed a comprehensive review of chapters MPSW 1 to 20 to update the standards of practice regarding telehealth. The Board made revisions to provide clarity, remove obsolete provisions and ensure the chapters are current with professional telehealth standards and practices. The changes include:

- Addition of a definition of “telehealth” per 2021 Wisconsin Act 121.
- Creation of a new subsection that establishes standards of telehealth practice.
- Amendment of the definitions of “face-to-face” and “supervision” throughout the chapters to include telehealth practice.
- Amendment of the provisions of unprofessional conduct to incorporate telehealth practice.

### **Statement of Scope**

The scope statement for this rule, SS 064-22, was approved by the Governor on July 21, 2022, published in Register No. 799B, on July 25, 2022, and approved by the Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board on October 18, 2022.

### **Agency Procedure for Promulgation**

A public hearing is required and will be held at a date to be determined.

### **Agency Organizational Unit Primarily Responsible for Promulgating Rule**

Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board.

### **Agency Contact Person**

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