

**BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Hearing Date: August 14, 2012

Subject Matter of Proposed Regulations: Marriage and Family Therapist Intern Experience

Section(s) Affected: Section 1833 of Division 18 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.

Updated Information

The Initial Statement of Reasons is included in the file (Tab III). An update has been made, which resulted in the Board holding a 15-day comment period.

A reference to a form incorporated by reference in Section 1833 was found to be referencing an old form that is no longer in use. To correct this, the reference to the old version of the form was deleted. In its place, two new forms were referenced. These forms being incorporated by reference are versions of the previous form that was referenced that have been updated in order to be compliant with statutory changes. The form changes will not cause a fiscal impact or an economic impact.

An additional technical change was made to delete the term “shall be in the form specified below” to delete the reference to the old form, which was previously included in the regulation text.

Objections or Recommendations/Responses to Comments:

The Board did not receive any written comment or any objections or recommendations during the public comment period or at the public hearing.

Comments Received During the 15-Day Period the Modified Text and Documents Added to the File Were Made Available to the Public

The Board did not receive any comments during the 15-day comment period.

Small Business Impact:

This proposal will not have an adverse economic impact on businesses. This proposal simply deletes regulatory requirements that are in conflict with statute. An increase in the allowable number of experience hours for licensure in certain content areas has no effect in the overall total number of hours required for licensure, and it does not affect the daily operations of businesses.

Consideration of Alternatives

No reasonable alternative which was considered or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the board would be more effective in carrying out the purpose for which it was proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the adopted regulation or would be more cost effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law. The alternative, which would be to not adopt the regulations, would leave a conflict between statutes and regulations regarding the number of allowable experience hours that can be gained for licensure in certain content areas.

Local Mandate

The proposed regulation does not impose any mandate on local agencies or school districts.