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BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES State of California Office of Administrative Law

In re: Board of Behavioral Sciences

Regulatory Action:

Title 16, California Code of Regulations

Adopt sections: 1815.5 Amend sections: Repeal sections: NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF REGULATORY ACTION

Government Code Section 11349.3

OAL Matter Number: 2016-0418-04

OAL Matter Type: Regular (S)

This rulemaking action by the Board of Behavioral Sciences ("Board") proposes to adopt section 1815.5 in title 16 of the California Code of Regulations to set forth standards of practice for telehealth. This action clarifies when a Board licensee or registrant is required to have a valid California license to engage in the practice of marriage and family therapy, educational psychology, clinical social work, or professional clinical counseling via telehealth, defines actions a Board licensee or registrant must take in order to protect the client in a telehealth setting, and provides that failure to comply with these provisions is unprofessional conduct.

OAL approves this regulatory action pursuant to section 11349.3 of the Government Code. This regulatory action becomes effective on 7/1/2016.

Date: May 26, 2016

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