

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA – DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS**

HEARING DATE: November 16, 2006

SUBJECT MATTER OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS: Requirements for Supervisors;
Requirements for Associate Clinical Social Worker Supervisors

SECTIONS AFFECTED: Sections 1833.1 and 1870 of Division 18 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations

SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF EACH ADOPTION, AMENDMENT, OR REPEAL:

The specific purpose of this proposal is to make clarifying changes to Sections 1833.1 and 1870. The Board currently interprets supervision of an MFT Intern, MFT Trainee, or ASW to be “psychotherapy” for the purposes of meeting the practice requirements in Sections 1833.1 and 1870. This proposal would make this interpretation explicit in the regulations. It would also delete the requirement that supervisors of MFT Interns or Trainees average five patient/client contact hours per week.

FACTUAL BASIS/RATIONALE

This proposal is reasonably necessary in order to more explicitly set forth the requirements for supervisors of MFT Interns and Trainees and supervisors of Associate Clinical Social Workers.

UNDERLYING DATA

None

BUSINESS IMPACT

This proposal will not have a significant adverse economic impact on businesses. This proposal pertains to requirements for supervisors of MFT Interns and Trainees and supervisors of Associate Clinical Social Workers.

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES OR EQUIPMENT

The proposed regulations do not mandate the use of specific technologies or equipment.

CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

No reasonable alternative to the regulation would be either more effective in carrying out the purpose for which the action is proposed or would be as effective and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed regulation.