



August 21, 2025

Wendy Strack
Chair
Board of Behavioral Sciences
1625 N Market Blvd-S200
Sacramento, CA 95834

RE: Request for Adoption of the National MFT Exam

Dear Ms. Strack,

On behalf of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (“AAMFT”), we join with CAMFT in strongly supporting the Board’s initiative to accept the Association of Marital and Family Therapy Regulatory Boards’ Marital and Family Therapy National Examination as the Clinical Exam for California Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist. By implementing this change, California will join the other states in recognizing the AMFTRB National Exam as the clinical exam for MFT licensure.

We realize that the BBS is considering possible action to initiate rulemaking to accept the AMFTRB National Examination as the clinical exam for MFTs in California. AAMFT supports this effort. We support the phased approach developed by BBS for implementing this change. In order to achieve the goal of having the regulations implementing this examination change in place by January 1, 2027, AAMFT believes that it is important to initiate rulemaking this year.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. Please contact me at rsmith@aamft.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Roger Smith
Chief Advocacy Officer
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