

**TITLE 16. DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board) is proposing to take the action described in the Informative Digest. Any person interested may present statements or arguments relevant to the action.

Written comments, including those sent by mail, facsimile, or e-mail to the addresses listed under Contact Person in this Notice, must be received by the Board at its office not later than 5:00 p.m. on September 8, 2003.

The Board does not currently intend to hold a hearing on this matter. If any interested party wishes that a hearing be held, he or she must make the request in writing to the Board. The request must be received in the Board office no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period.

The Board, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested party, may thereafter adopt the proposals substantially as described below or may modify such proposals if such modifications are sufficiently related to the original text. With the exception of technical or grammatical changes, the full text of any modified proposal will be available for 15 days prior to its adoption from the person designated in this Notice as contact person and will be mailed to those persons who submit written or oral testimony related to this proposal or who have requested notification of any changes to the proposal.

Authority and Reference: Pursuant to the authority vested by Sections 4980.60 and 4990.14 of the Business and Professions Code, and to implement, interpret or make specific Sections 4980.41, 4980.80, 4980.90, 4996.2, and 4996.17, the Board is considering changes to Division 18 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations as follows:

INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

Amend Section 1810.

Business and Professions Code Sections 4980.41, 4980.80, 4980.90, 4996.2, and 4996.17 require that applicants pursuing a Marriage and Family Therapist license with education and experience from another state or a Licensed Clinical Social Work license complete training or coursework in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency. Existing Regulation Section 1810 specifies the minimum hours of training needed for applicants, the content of the training, and the educational providers from which this alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency training may be obtained.

This proposal will expand the selection of acceptable entities from whom applicants may obtain the required training or coursework in alcoholism and other chemical substance dependency. This will allow applicants a wider selection of sources in order to fulfill this requirement. Additionally, this proposal will reformat the regulation language to provide a clearer understanding of the requirements and amend the regulation section title to accurately reflect that, in addition to alcoholism, "other chemical substance dependency" training is also a requirement for licensure.

## FISCAL IMPACT ESTIMATES

Fiscal Impact on Public Agencies Including Costs or Savings to State Agencies or Costs/Savings in Federal Funding to the State: None

Nondiscretionary Costs/Savings to Local Agencies: None

Local Mandate: None

Cost to Any Local Agency or School District for Which Government Code Section 17561 Requires Reimbursement: None

Business Impact:

The Board has made an initial determination that the proposed regulatory action would have no significant statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.

**AND**

The following studies/relevant data were relied upon in making the above determination:  
None

Impact on Jobs/New Businesses:

The Board has determined that this regulatory proposal will not have any impact on the creation of jobs or new businesses or the elimination of jobs or existing businesses or the expansion of businesses in the State of California.

Cost Impact on Representative Private Persons or Business:

The Board is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.

Effect on Housing Costs: None

## EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The Board has determined that the proposed regulatory action would affect small businesses. This proposed regulatory action will benefit small businesses by allowing them to offer the required alcoholism and other substance dependency training to applicants.

## CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

The Board must determine that no reasonable alternative it considered to the regulation or that has otherwise been identified and brought to its attention would either be 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 proposal described in this Notice.

Any interested person may present statements or arguments in writing relevant to the above determinations to the address listed under Contact Person.

INITIAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND INFORMATION

The Board has prepared an initial statement of the reasons for the proposed action and has available all the information upon which the proposal is based.

TEXT OF PROPOSAL

Copies of the exact language of the proposed regulations, the initial statement of reasons, and all of the information upon which the proposal is based may be obtained upon request from the Board of Behavioral Sciences at 400 R Street, Suite 3150, Sacramento, California 95814.

AVAILABILITY AND LOCATION OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS AND RULEMAKING FILE

All the information upon which the proposed regulations are based is contained in the rulemaking file which is available for public inspection by contacting the person named below.

You may obtain a copy of the final statement of reasons once it has been prepared by making a written request to the contact person named below or by accessing the website listed below.

CONTACT PERSON

General or substantive inquiries or comments concerning the proposed rulemaking action may be addressed to:

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Website Access: Materials regarding this proposal can be found at [www.bbs.ca.gov](http://www.bbs.ca.gov).