

Rule 135-14-0.5 Emergency Rule: Authorization for Limited Practice

Pursuant to The Governor of Georgia's Executive Order 10.30.20.02 (page 31/32), an individual licensed to practice counseling, social work and/or marriage and family therapy at the masters level in another jurisdiction may, without applying for a Georgia license, provide counseling, social work and/or marriage and family therapy services to an existing client(s) who have temporarily relocated to the state of Georgia due to COVID-19. The individual shall notify the Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists (the "Board") of their intent to practice temporarily in the state by electronic means as follows:

- (a) At least 5 days before the intended practice, the individual shall notify the Board of their intent to practice in Georgia with the relevant dates, the clients city where practice is to take place, and the expected duration and nature of intended practice by submission of an e-mail request to: ExamBoards-Healthcare@sos.state.ga.us or by fax to 866-888-7127.
- (b) In addition, the individual shall also submit with their notification, a verification from their state or jurisdiction of licensure verifying the current, unencumbered active status of the license, and indicating no history of disciplinary action.
- (c) The counselor, social worker and/or marriage and family therapist must limit his/her practice in Georgia to a maximum of 30 days per calendar year (a day being defined as any part of a day where counselor, social work and/or marriage and family therapy work is performed)
- (d) This authorization for limited practice only applies to individuals who are currently not seeking licensure in Georgia. Associate level licensees do not qualify for this limited type of practice.
- (e) This emergency rule shall remain in effect for the duration of the COVID-19 state of emergency, and for a period of not more than 120 days thereafter.

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Effective through 08/13/2022

(April 15, 2022 + 120 Days)