

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS
BOARD RULE CHAPTER 510 RULES OF THE STATE BOARD OF
EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS, RULE 510-10-.01 INDIVIDUALS
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

RULE 510-10-.01 Individuals

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (hereinafter “Board”) proposes an amendment to Rule 510-10-.01 Individuals (herein after “proposed rule”).

This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule are being sent to all persons who have requested, in writing, to be included on a notification list. This notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule, and a synopsis of the proposed rule may also be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The documents will also be available for review on the Board’s website at <https://sos.ga.gov/georgia-state-board-examiners-psychologists>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

The public will have an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendment at a public hearing to be held at **9:15 a.m. Friday, August 25, 2023** in the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. If the Board office remains closed due to the public health emergency (COVID-19), the hearing will be held via teleconference. Please see Board’s website for information on how to join the meeting via teleconference.

Interested parties affected by the rule may submit written comments to the Board no later than close of business on **Friday, August 18, 2023** Written comments must be legible, signed, contain contact information from the maker (address, telephone number, email address), and addressed to Gabriel Sterling, Interim Division Director, Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

During the public hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements will be limited to five (5) minutes per person.

The Board voted to post this Notice of Intent at its meeting on **April 28, 2023**. The Board also voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose an excessive

regulatory cost on any licensee, and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-24; 43-1-25; 43-1-20.1; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; 43-39-7; 43-39-13; and 43-39-17. Additionally, the Board voted that it was neither legal nor feasible in meeting the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-24; 43-1-25; 43-1-20.1; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; 43-39-7; 43-39-13; and 43-39-17.to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of psychology.

According to the Department of Law of the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists has the authority to adopt proposed Rule 510-10-.01 pursuant to authority contained in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-24; 43-1-25; 43-1-20.1; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; 43-39-7; 43-39-13; and 43-39-17.

For further information, contact the Board office at (404) 424-9966.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This the 21st day of July, 2023.



Gabriel Sterling
Interim Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

Posted: July 21, 2023

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES OF TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS RULES
RULE 510-10-.01 INDIVIDUALS**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed adoption seeks to prohibit a psychologist from entering into a relationship where the psychologist legally relinquishes the right to control the time, manner, and method by which an unlicensed subordinate performs psychological services, undermining the psychologist's professional responsibility to supervise the subordinate.

Rule 510-10-.01 Individuals

An individual who does not hold a current license issued by the Georgia State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, and does not fall within one of the exemptions set forth in O.C.G.A. Section 43-39-7:

- (a) May not render or order to render to individuals, groups, organizations, or the public for a fee or any remuneration, monetary or otherwise, any service involving the application of recognized principles, methods, and procedures of the science and profession of psychology, such as, but not limited to, diagnosing and treating mental and nervous disorders and illnesses, rendering opinions concerning diagnoses of mental disorders, including organic brain disorders and brain damage, engaging in neuropsychology, engaging in psychotherapy, interviewing, administering, and interpreting tests of mental abilities, aptitudes, interests, and personality characteristics for such purposes as psychological classification or evaluation, or for education or vocational placement, or for such purposes as psychological counseling, guidance, or readjustment.
- (b) May not offer direct psychological services or supervise psychological services, including for training purposes, regardless of fee or remuneration, monetary or otherwise.
- (c) May not advertise that he or she is licensed by the Board; .
- (d) May not use any words, letters, titles, or figures indicating or implying that he or she is licensed by the Board.
- (e) May not use any words, letters, titles, or figures indicating or otherwise implying that he or she is a psychologist or is in any way practicing psychology.
- (f) May not perform psychological services at the direction of a licensed psychologist as an independent contractor.

Statutory Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19; 43-1-24; 43-1-25; 43-1-20.1; 43-39-5; 43-39-6; 43-39-7; 43-39-13; and 43-39-17

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