



**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SOCIAL WORK AND
MARRIAGE FAMILY THERAPISTS**

AMENDED PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Mississippi State Board of Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists issued a Proclamation announcing that it would not enforce any statute, rule or regulation requiring out-of-state licensed social workers and marriage and family therapists who utilize telehealth/technology in practice when treating patients/clients in the State of Mississippi to be licensed to practice in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, as to out-of-state licensed social workers and marriage and family therapists, it was the intent of the Board to limit its Proclamation to those out-of-state licensed social workers and marriage and family therapists who already have a pre-existing social worker/marriage and family therapist-patient/client relationship with patients/clients in Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, in order to clarify the Board's Proclamation, the Board finds it necessary to issue this Amended Proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE, until action is taken by the Governor of the State of Mississippi to lift the state of emergency, out-of-state licensed social workers and marriage and family therapists may utilize telehealth/technology when treating patients/clients in Mississippi with whom they have a pre-existing social worker/marriage and family therapist-patient/client relationship, without the necessity of securing a license to practice in State of Mississippi, provided the out-of-state licensed social worker or licensed marriage and family therapist holds an unrestricted license to practice in the state in which the licensed social worker or marriage and family therapist practices and currently is not the subject of an investigation or disciplinary proceeding and so advises the Board in writing.

FURTHER, every licensed social worker or licensed marriage and family therapist who is currently licensed in another state or jurisdiction and wishes to practice telehealth/technology as provided herein shall complete the emergency provisional permit as found on the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists website.

FURTHER, except as amended herein, the Proclamation of the Board issued on March 24, 2020 shall remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED AND APPROVED by the Mississippi State Board of Examiners for Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists, this is the 1st day of April, 2020.

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By: _____

Billy Dilworth, Executive Director