

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners

Rule No. 850-X-2-.01

Rule Title: Definitions of Terms

X New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? Yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? No

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? No

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? No

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? Yes


Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact?
 No

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer 

Date 7/20/20

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 850-X-2.01 Definitions of Terms

INTENDED ACTION: New

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Board proposes new definitions of terms that must be followed by social workers.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be accepted by the Board until 4:30pm on Friday, September 4th, 2020. Comments should be directed to Rachel Dickinson, Executive Director at 100 North Union Street, Suite 736, Montgomery, AL 36104 or via electronic mail at Rachel.dickinson@swb.alabama.gov

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Friday, September 4th, 2020

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(Signature of officer authorized
to promulgate and adopt
rules or his or her deputy)

850-X-2-.01 Definitions of Terms

(8) **Independent Practice.** The practice of social work outside of an organized setting, such as a social, medical, or governmental agency, in which the social worker assumes responsibility and accountability for services provided.

(9) **Private Practice.** The practice of Social Work by a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker who assumes responsibility and accountability for the nature and quality of the services provided to the Client in exchange for direct payment or third-party reimbursement.

(10) **LBSW.** Licensed Bachelor Social Work.

(11) **LMSW.** Licensed Master Social Work.

(12) **LICSW.** Licensed Independent Clinical Social Work.

(13) **Practice of Clinical Social Work.** Subject to the limitations set forth in Section 34-30-22(c), the practice of Clinical Social Work is a specialty within the practice of Master's Social Work and requires the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations and communities. The practice of Clinical Social Work requires the application of specialized clinical knowledge and advanced clinical skills in the areas of assessment, and treatment of mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders, conditions and addictions. Treatment methods include the provision of individual, marital, couple, family and group Counseling and Psychotherapy. The practice of Clinical Social Work may include Private Practice and the provision of Clinical Supervision. The practice of clinical social work is restricted to either a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, or a Licensed Master Social Worker under clinical supervision in employment or under a clinical supervision plan.

(14) **Practice of Non-Clinical Social Work.** The practice of non-clinical social work incorporates non-clinical work with individuals, families, groups, communities, and social systems which may involve locating resources, negotiating and advocating on behalf of clients or client groups, administering programs and agencies, community organizing, teaching, researching, providing employment or professional development non-clinical supervision, developing and analyzing policy, fund-raising, and other non-clinical activities.

(15) **Supervision for Licensure.** The professional relationship between a supervisee and an Approved Supervisor who provides oversight, direction, and evaluation over the services provided by the supervisee and promotes continued development of the supervisee's knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide social work services in an ethical and competent manner.

(a) **Clinical Supervision.** The interactional professional relationship between an Approved Clinical Supervisor and a licensed master social worker that provides evaluation and direction over the supervisee's practice of clinical social work and promotes continued development of the social worker's knowledge, skills, and abilities to engage in the practice of clinical social work in an ethical and competent manner.

(b) **Non-Clinical Supervision.** The interactional professional relationship between an Approved Supervisor and a licensed master social worker or licensed bachelor social worker that provides evaluation and direction over the supervisee's practice of non-clinical social work and promotes continued development of the social worker's knowledge, skills and

abilities to engage in the practice of non-clinical social work in an ethical competent manner.

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