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AMEND: 877-020-0010

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RULE TITLE: Plan of Practice and Supervision

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RULE SUMMARY: Individuals working under required supervision are required by current rule to meet with supervisors in person. Emergency conditions, including the requirement to maintain social distancing with the COVID19 emergency, make in-person meetings impossible. The amendment would allow supervision meetings to occur by telephone or video conference during the period of the emergency and for 90 days beyond the lifting of the emergency declaration.

RULE TEXT:

- (1) After a person submits an application described in OAR 877-020-0009, the board will inform the person whether the application, including the plan of practice and supervision, is approved.
- (2) After an application has been approved, an associate may request a change to a plan of practice and supervision by submitting a request to the board that provides a justification for the change and ensures that the plan, as modified, will meet the requirements of this division of rules.
- (3) For the associate to satisfactorily complete a plan of practice and supervision, the following requirements must be met while the associate is working under an approved plan of practice and supervision:
 - (a) The contact with clients described in OAR 877-020-0009(4)(b) must be direct contact during which the associate practices clinical social work, which is defined in ORS 675.510(2).
 - (b) The associate must meet with a supervisor identified in the plan, as required in OAR 877-020-0009(4)(d):
 - (A) For a total of 100 hours over a period of not less than 24 consecutive months nor more than 60 consecutive months, of which a minimum of 50 hours must be individual supervision. The board may, at their discretion, approve a written request to extend a plan of supervision beyond the 60 month period. The associate must meet at least twice each month with a plan supervisor for a minimum of one hour. If there is a second supervisor for group supervision, the requirement in this paragraph (A) is met by a single one-hour meeting with each supervisor.
 - (B) After the associate has completed the plan requirements contained in paragraph (A) of this sub-section, the associate must continue to meet at least once each month with a plan supervisor for a minimum of one hour.

(c) At least 50 supervision hours, group or individual, must be with a supervisor as defined in OAR 877-020-0012(1) or (2)(a).

(d) No more than 50 supervision hours, group or individual, may be with a supervisor as defined in OAR 877-020-0012(2)(b).

(e) Supervision required in this rule must be accomplished:

(A) In person, in a professional setting; or

(B) By electronic video-conferencing media, provided that the first and final supervisory sessions and at least one supervisory session each quarter be conducted in person pursuant to subsection (A) above.

(f) The associate must submit to the board, on a form provided by the board, each evaluation by the supervisor (or supervisors in the event two or more are authorized) required by OAR 877-020-0012(2)(e)(A) of the progress by the associate toward completion of the plan.

(g) The associate must pass the national examination required by OAR 877-020-0008.

(h) The associate must work with each supervisor identified in an approved plan for not less than six months unless

(A) A change in supervision is required by a reason outside the control of the associate and the board approves the change; or

(B) The associate has completed the requirements of the plan.

(4) In the event of a disaster or emergency declared by the Governor of Oregon, the supervision requirements set out in subsection (3)(e)(B) above all may be conducted via telephone or electronic video-conference, with no requirement for any in-person meetings, during the period of the emergency declaration and for 90 days following the lifting of the emergency declaration.

STATUTORY/OTHER AUTHORITY: ORS 675.510 - 675.600, 675.990

STATUTES/OTHER IMPLEMENTED: ORS 675.537