

Chapter 62. Board of Professional Counselors.

(Words in **boldface and underlined** indicate language being added; words [CAPITALIZED AND BRACKETED] indicate language being deleted. Complete new sections are not in boldface or underlined.)

12 AAC 62.400(b) is amended to read:

(b) Before providing distance professional services, **an individual** [A LICENSEE] must:

12 AAC 62.400(b)(1) is amended to read:

(1) be **either** licensed in good standing **or working as a supervisee under a board-approved supervisor as set out in** [UNDER] AS 08.29;

12 AAC 62.400(c) is repealed:

(c) Repealed ____ / ____ / _____. [AN INDIVIDUAL, WHEREVER LOCATED, MUST OBTAIN A LICENSE FROM THE BOARD BEFORE PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SERVICE TO A CLIENT IN THIS STATE THROUGH DISTANCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES].

12 AAC 62.400(e) is amended to read:

(e) Before providing distance professional services, a licensee **or supervisee** must develop a safety plan with the client to identify local resources in the client's community should emergency care become necessary. [; THE] **The** plan must identify an individual **the client trusts who is available during distance professional services** [,] and **include that** [THE] individual's contact information[, WHO IS TRUSTED BY THE CLIENT WHO IS AVAILABLE DURING DISTANCE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES].

12 AAC 62.400(f) is amended to read:

(f) At the beginning of every distance professional services session, the licensee **or supervisee** must verify and document the client’s identity in the progress note.

12 AAC 62.400(g) is amended to read:

(g) When distance professional services are deemed inappropriate by the licensee, **supervisee**, or client, the licensee **or supervisee** must refer the client to a local health-care provider for in-person services. If the client refuses a referral to a local health-care provider for in-person services, the licensee **or supervisee** must document the rationale for continuing to provide distance professional services.

12 AAC 62.400(h) is amended to read:

(h) **An** [DURING A DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR, AN] applicant working under a board-approved supervisor **as set out in** [UNDER] 12 AAC 62.200 [MAY PROVIDE DISTANCE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION. THE APPLICANT WORKING UNDER A SUPERVISOR] must meet with the supervisor synchronously at least **once every two weeks** [BIWEEKLY]. (Eff. 11/10/2019, Register 232; am 5/26/2020, Register 234; am 9/20/2020, Register 235; am ____/____/_____, Register _____)

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