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# Notice of Proposed Changes in The Regulations of the Alaska Board of Professional Counselors

## **Proposed Regulations - FAQ**

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### 1. What is the purpose of the proposed regulations? What will this regulation do?

**12 AAC 62.400.** This will clarify the standards for telehealth for supervisees. Currently, there are no guidelines for supervisees practicing telehealth. This regulation change will create guidelines for supervisees to abide by while practicing distance counseling.

#### 2. What are the costs to comply with the proposed regulations?

There is no expected cost to comply with the proposed regulation.

#### 3. What are the positive and negative consequences of the regulations

This regulation change will further clarify the standards for telehealth for applicants under supervision preparing for licensure as a Professional Counselor.

There are no negative consequences to the proposed changes.

#### 4. When will the regulations be effective?

After the public comment deadline, comments received are compiled and given to the Board for consideration. The Board may adopt the regulation as written/publicly noticed, may amend and adopt them, choose to take no action, or may withdraw the proposed regulations in part or in its whole. After Board action, the adopted regulations go to Department of Law (DOL) for final review/approval. DOL either approves or disapproves regulations. Once approved by DOL, it goes to the Lt. Governor for filing. Regulation takes effect on the 30th day after they have been filed by the Lt. Governor.

Do you have a question that is not answered here? Please email <u>RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov</u> so it can be added.