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**Notice Of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2 that the Board of Registration in Allied Mental Health (“AMH Board”), within the Department of Public Health, will hold a public hearing on amendments to the following regulations:

* 262 CMR 2.00, *Requirements for Licensure as a Mental Health Counselor* – These regulations establish the eligibility criteria for licensure as a LMHC;
* 262 CMR 3.00, *Requirements for Licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist* – These regulations state eligibility criteria for LMFT; and
* 262 CMR 8.00, *Ethical Codes and Standards of Conduct* – These regulations identify the ethical codes of national associations that the Board has adopted for each of its licensed professions and state additional Board standards for the profession.

These proposed amendments (a) establish licensure requirements for the new license category of Licensed Supervised Mental Health Counselors (LSMHCs), in accordance with Chapter 177 of the Acts of 2022; (b) clarify eligibility requirements for Licensed Mental Health Counselors (LMHC) and Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists (LMFT); and (c) update one reference to the ethical code and apply relevant ethics rules to the Licensed Supervised Mental Health Counselor licenses. The proposed amendments intend to implement legislative initiatives to better represent the population of licensees on this board, clarify regulatory requirements, and reduce the barriers to mental health treatment and access.

The public hearing will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 19, 2025**.The hearing will be conducted on a **moderated conference call**. The information for the moderated conference call is:

Dial-in Telephone Number: **1-888-469-3045**

Participant Code: **9412521**

This Hearing will be held jointly with the hearing on the Executive Office of Administrative and Finance regulation 801 CMR 4.00. A copy of the proposed amendments to 262 CMR 2.00, 262 CMR 3.00, and 262 CMR 8.00 may be viewed on the Department’s website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/proposed-regulations-and-amendments-department-of-public-health> or requested from the Office of the General Counsel by calling 617-624-5220.

Speakers who testify at the public hearing are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to the following address: [Reg.Testimony@mass.gov,](mailto:Reg.Testimony@mass.gov) or by mail to William Anderson, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. When electronically submitting comments, type “AMH Board Regulations” in the subject line and attach a Word document with your comments or type your comments in the body of your email. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address.

The Department will post all testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. **All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 19, 2025**. All comments received by the Department may be released in response to a request for public records.