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NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling hereby issues the following proposed rules under one or more of the following chapters or sections of the Arkansas Code: §17-27-101 *et seq.*; Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act §25-15-204.

- Rule I-amend definitions of “counseling” and “marriage and family therapy”
- Rule III-remove reference to “permanently disqualifying offense” for background check purposes and clarify licensure qualifications
- Rule IV-clarify virtual supervision hours
- Rule V-clarifications to application requirements
- Rule VI-remove outdated language
- Rule VII-clarify renewal date and continuing education requirements
- Rule VIII-clarify complaint process and administrative hearing procedures
- Rule IX-amend licensure for military personnel
- Rule X-adds reference to AR Medical Ethics and Diversity Act
- Rule XII-revises telemedicine definitions
- Rule XIII-adds waiver for individuals under Act 725 of 2021

The proposed rules are available for review at <https://abec.statesolutions.us/> and the Board of Examiners in Counseling office, 101 E. Capitol, Suite 202, Little Rock, AR 72201. A copy of the proposed rule can also be accessed on the Secretary of State’s website at sos.arkansas.gov/rules_and_regs/index.php/rules. All comments must be submitted in writing to the Arkansas Board of Examiners in Counseling no later than December 6, 2021.

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