

Report From Agency

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELING, AND SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF RULEMAKING :
PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE : REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY, : CR 23-034
PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING, AND :
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINING BOARD :
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I. THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule, including the analysis and text, is attached.

II. REFERENCE TO APPLICABLE FORMS:

N/A

III. FISCAL ESTIMATE AND EIA:

The Fiscal Estimate and EIA is attached.

IV. DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE BASIS AND PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING HOW THE PROPOSED RULE ADVANCES RELEVANT STATUTORY GOALS OR PURPOSES:

2021 Wisconsin Act 222 authorizes individuals certified as independent social workers and advanced practice social workers to treat substance use disorder without having to apply for a specialty and satisfy additional educational and supervised training requirements.

This rule project repeals the subsection in chapter MPSW 1, which requires advanced practice social workers and independent social workers to apply for a substance use disorder specialty. The project also amends who can supervise social workers licensees or social worker certificate holders if they are pursuing a substance use disorder specialty.

V. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSES, EXPLANATION OF MODIFICATIONS TO PROPOSED RULES PROMPTED BY PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Marriage and Family Therapy, Professional Counseling, and Social Work Examining Board held a public hearing on July 18, 2023. No public comments were received.

VI. RESPONSE TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

All of the recommendations suggested in the Clearinghouse Report have been accepted in whole.

VII. REPORT FROM THE SBRRB AND FINAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ANALYSIS:

N/A