

64B4ER20-24 Revised Definition of “Face-to-Face psychotherapy”

(1) “Face-to-face psychotherapy” for clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and mental health counselors registered pursuant to Section 491.0045, F.S., includes face-to-face by electronic methods so long as the registered intern establishes and adheres to the following:

(a) The registered intern has a qualified supervisor and maintains a qualified supervisor for the duration of the application of this rule; and

(b) The registered intern has a written telehealth protocol and safety plan in place with their current qualified supervisor which includes the provision that the qualified supervisor must be readily available during the electronic therapy session.

(2) Notwithstanding 64B4-2.002(3) and (4), F.A.C., a qualified supervisor may utilize face-to-face electronic methods, including telephone only communication, to conduct all supervisory sessions for internship hours. Any clinical hours obtained via face-to-face psychotherapy by electronic means shall be considered clinical hours for the purpose of meeting internship requirements.

(3) Emergency rule 64B4ER20-20, F.A.C., is hereby superseded by the present rule.

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