



MARYLAND Department of Health

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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

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*****NOTICE*****

Pursuant to COMAR 10.58, **all individuals** who provide supervision to a licensee, certificate holder, or trainee under the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists **MUST** be approved by the Board.

Alcohol-Drug Counselor and Trainee Supervision: Any individual who provides supervision to alcohol and drug counselors (LGADCs, CAC-ADs, CSC-ADs) and trainees, **MUST** be approved by the Board. Board approval may only be obtained by submitting an Approved Supervisor – Alcohol and Drug Counselor application.

Counseling and Therapy Supervision: Any individual who provides supervision to a licensed graduate professional counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, or a licensed graduate professional art therapist **MUST** submit an Approved Supervisor application.

Please note: Any individual who provides supervision to a licensed graduate professional counselor, a licensed graduate marriage and family therapist; or a licensed graduate professional art therapist, **MUST** obtain **separate** approval to supervise alcohol and drug counselors and trainees.

Forms are available on the Board's website. www.health.maryland.gov/bopc.

Once approved, the applicant will receive a supervisor reference number and will be added to the Board's database of Approved Supervisors. After October 1, 2018, the Board will no longer issue certificates for approved supervisors. Verification of Board Approved Supervisor status will be available on the Board's website and by calling the Board office. The Board is currently updating the list online. Until that is completed, please call the office if you have a question.

- If you currently **have a reference number issued by the Board to supervise the proper individuals**, no further action is required.
- If you are currently **providing supervision without a reference number** issued by the Board, you must submit an application **no later than October 1, 2018**. This deadline is intended for those who have been providing supervision without the Board's approval as required by COMAR.
- If you are currently **receiving** supervision, it is your responsibility to ensure that your supervisor has obtained an approved supervisor reference number from the Board or has applied to the Board by October 1, 2018, if applicable. Further, it is your responsibility to ensure that your supervisor has been approved by the Board once he/she has filed an application in accordance with the above deadline.

If you do not provide supervision currently, this notification does not authorize you to supervise before receiving approval from the Board.

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