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**Attention: New Applicants**

**Maryland Law Assessment (MLA)**

This notice applies to those for whom the Maryland Law Assessment (formerly, Maryland Law Exam) is required to obtain licensure or certification under the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the “Board”).

**If you have already taken and passed the Maryland Law Exam, this notice does not apply to you and no further action is necessary.**

The Board is pleased to announce the launch of the Maryland Law Assessment (MLA). The purpose of this assessment is to determine if a candidate is familiar with the state laws and ethical code related to safe and effective practice across several content areas, as applicable. Content areas include supervision and ethics questions based on excerpts from the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) and Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations Art., Title 17.

This is a no-fail no score assessment. The MLA consists of readings from COMAR and Health Occupations Title 17 and 36 questions. You will be presented with readings and questions until all items are answered correctly. Upon successful completion, you will receive a Certificate of Completion that you will submit to the Board with your application for licensure or certification.

Prior Board approval is **not** required to register for or take the MLA. However, if you take the MLA **before** you submit an application for licensure/certification with the Board, please note the following:

- Should you later decide not to apply for licensure/certification with the Board, the MLA fee will **not** be refunded.
- You are responsible for submitting the MLA Certificate of Completion to the Board **with** your application for licensure/certification. Do not email, fax or mail the certificate of completion separately to the Maryland Board. **MLA Certificates of Completion received without a completed application will be discarded.**
- MLA Certificates of Completion are valid for **one year** from the date of the MLA. If you do not apply for licensure/certification within one year from the date of the MLA, you will be required to re-take the MLA at your additional expense.

If you have any questions regarding the MLA, please contact the Board at (410) 764-4732.