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MEMORANDUM

TO: Amy Demboski
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FROM: April Simpson, Office of the Lieutenant Governor 
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DATE: May 26, 2020

RE: Filed Emergency Regulations: Board of Professional Counselors

Board of Professional Counselors emergency regulations re: distance professional services (12 AAC 62.400)

Attorney General File:	Emergency Regulations
Regulation Filed:	5/26/2020
Effective Date:	5/26/2020
Expiration Date:	September 22, 2020 unless made permanent by the adopting agency
Print:	234, July 2020

cc with enclosures: Harry Hale, Department of Law
Judy Herndon, LexisNexis
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FOR DELEGATION OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY

I, KEVIN MEYER, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, designate the following state employees to perform the Administrative Procedures Act filing functions of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor:

**Josh Applebee, Chief of Staff
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April Simpson, Regulations and Initiatives Specialist**

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed and affixed the Seal of the State of Alaska, in Juneau, on December 11th, 2018.



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**KEVIN MEYER
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR**

EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Register 234, July 2020 PROFESSIONAL REGULATIONS

Chapter 62. Board of Professional Counselors.

12 AAC 62.400(b)(2) is amended to read:

(2) have completed a minimum of six continuing education hours from a **board** [NATIONAL BOARD FOR CERTIFIED COUNSELORS (NBCC)] approved continuing education provider **under 12 AAC 62.320(b)(2)** pertaining to distance professional services; and

12 AAC 62.400(d) is amended to read:

(d) **Except as provided in (h) of this section, an** [AN] individual located in this state must be licensed under AS 08.29 before providing distance professional counseling service, regardless of the location of the client receiving the service.

12 AAC 62.400 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(h) During an emergency disaster declared by the governor under AS 26.23.020, an applicant working under a board approved supervisor under 12 AAC 62.200 may provide distance professional counseling service in accordance with this section during the declared emergency. The applicant working under a supervisor must meet with the supervisor synchronously at least biweekly, preferably weekly. (Eff. 11/10/2019, Register 232; am 5 / 25 / 2020, Register 234)

Authority: AS 08.29.020 AS 08.29.400 AS 08.29.490