

## FACT SHEET

### LGSW and LISW Clinical Supervised Practice Requirements Toward Eligibility for LICSW License - Effective August 1, 2011

Clinical Supervised Practice hours obtained prior to August 1, 2011 must comply with the requirements that were in effect at that time.

Clinical Supervised Practice hours obtained on or after August 1, 2011 must comply with the increased requirements.

#### Ongoing requirement for LGSWs and LISWs practicing clinically until LICSW license is held:

- 200 hours of clinical supervision at the rate of a minimum of four hours and a maximum of eight hours for every 160 hours of clinical practice
  - 100 hours must be provided through one-on-one supervision, including:
    - a minimum of 50 hours of in-person supervision, and
    - no more than 50 hours of supervision via eye-to-eye electronic media while maintaining visual contact
  - Remaining 100 hours must be provided through:
    - one-on-one supervision, or
    - group supervision (limited to six supervisees)
    - supervision may be in-person, by telephone, or via eye-to-eye electronic media while maintaining visual contact, excluding e-mail
- The 200 hours of clinical supervision must be obtained in no less than 4000 and no more than 8000 hours of post-graduate clinical social work practice authorized by law.
- Of the 4000 total hours of clinical practice required, 1800 hours must be “direct clinical client contact”. This requirement **does not apply** to LGSW and LISW licensees engaged in clinical practice with a LGSW or LISW license issued prior to August 1, 2011.
- Licensing supervisor must be a LICSW who has completed at least 2000 hours of experience in authorized social work practice, **including 1000 hours of experience in clinical practice** after obtaining a LICSW license.
- To be eligible to provide licensing supervision, a social worker must attest to the completion of the one-time requirement of 30 hours of training in supervision when submitting a Supervision Plan form or Supervision Verification form. The supervisor may be subject to audit to verify compliance.

## FAQs

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**Q. I am currently an LGSW or LISW who started my clinical supervision requirement before August 1, 2011 but will not be finished until after August 1, 2011. How will the Board determine that I have met the clinical supervised practice requirement to be eligible for the LICSW license?**

A. A maximum of three hours of supervision must be obtained during every 160 hours, or one month of fulltime practice, that occurs prior August 1, 2011. A minimum of 4 hours and a maximum of 8 hours of supervision must be obtained during every 160 hours, or one month of fulltime practice, that occurs on or after August 1, 2011. You must document 4000 hours of clinical supervised practice to be eligible for the LICSW license. However, your total number of supervision hours may be less than 200 hours if you began supervision prior to August 1, 2011.

For example, if you work fulltime, receive 3 hours of supervision per month, and complete half of your supervised practice hours prior to August 1, 2011, you accumulate 37.5 hours of clinical supervision (out of the 75 hours required) over 2000 hours of clinical practice. As of August 1, 2011, you increase your supervision to 8 hours per month and accumulate 100 hours of clinical supervision (out of 200 hours required) over 2000 hours of clinical practice. When combined, you have obtained 137.5 hours of clinical supervision over 4000 hours of clinical practice, which meets the requirement, as you were in compliance with the supervision required under both MS148D and MS148E.

**Q. Do I have a choice of how quickly I complete supervised practice hours for the LICSW license obtained after August 1, 2011?**

A. Yes, if you receive 4 hours of supervision per 160 hours of practice rather than 8 hours of supervision per 160 hours of practice, it would take you twice as long to accumulate the supervised clinical practice hours required.



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**Q. When are “direct clinical client contact hours” required for the LICSW license and how are they defined in statute?**

A. “Direct clinical client contact” hours are:

- 1) not required prior to August 1, 2011, and
- 2) not required of an LGSW or LISW engaged in clinical practice with an LGSW or LISW license issue date prior to August 1, 2011

“Direct clinical client contact” is defined as “in-person or electronic media interaction with a client, including client system and service providers, related to the client’s mental and emotional functioning, differential diagnosis, and treatment.”

**Q. How is “client system” defined in statute?**

A. “Client system” means the client and those in the client’s environment who are potentially influential in contributing to a resolution of the client’s issues.

**Q. As of August 1, 2011, what if my licensing supervisor has not met the new supervisor requirements of 30 hours of training in supervision and completion of at least 2000 hours of experience in authorized social work practice, including 1000 hours of experience in clinical practice, after obtaining an LICSW license?**

A. Supervision with this licensing supervisor must be suspended until the supervisor complies with the new requirements.