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**AGENCY REPORT TO THE
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES (JCAR)**

1. Agency Information

Agency name:

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Division/Bureau/Office:

Bureau of Professional Licensing

Name of person completing this form:

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2. Rule Set Information

MOAHR assigned rule set number:

2019-81 LR

Title of proposed rule set:

Social Work - General Rules

3. Purpose for the proposed rules and background:

The Social Work General Rules pertain to the licensure, relicensure, and license renewal for social workers and the registration, reregistration, and registration renewal for social service technicians. The rules will be amended to provide clarification on education, experience, and training requirements and telehealth services. These rules are being amended to provide clarity to licensing requirements and to fulfill a statutory requirement of promulgating a rule to address telehealth services.

4. Summary of proposed rules:

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These rules will be revised to add a telehealth rule and requirements for relicensure of a bachelor's and master's social worker who holds a license in another state. The rule for registering a social service technician will be clarified. The rules will also clarify the experience that must be accumulated for a limited license bachelor's social worker and a limited master's social worker to be fully licensed. Amendments will be made to clarify the renewal restriction on a limited license. Amendments will be made to the rules pertaining to registration and licensure by endorsement and the continuing education rules. The rule pertaining to board approval of continuing education programs will be rescinded because board approved programs are now identified in the acceptable continuing education rule.

5. List names of newspapers in which the notice of public hearing was published and publication dates:

The Mining Journal, July 3, 2020
The Flint Journal, July 5, 2020
The Grand Rapids Press, July 5, 2020

6. Date of publication of rules and notice of public hearing in Michigan Register:

7/15/2020

7. Date, time, and location of public hearing:

7/16/2020 01:00 PM at This hearing will be held virtually via Zoom pursuant to Executive Order 2020-132. , Web Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96078109257?pwd=YUtVN1hyOEFuUVZjdzJ5VHNIL1RQUT09>, password for video connection 813755; phone number 877-336-1831, conference code for audio connection 486917.

8. Provide the link the agency used to post the regulatory impact statement and cost-benefit analysis on its website:

<https://ARS.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTransaction?TransactionID=80>

9. List of the name and title of agency representative(s) attending public hearing:

Dena Marks, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section, Bureau of Professional Licensing
LeAnn Payne, Board support Technician, Boards and Committees Section, Bureau of Professional Licensing
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section, Bureau of Professional Licensing

10. Persons submitting comments of support:

Duane Brejak, Michigan Chapter, National Association of Social Workers
Colleen Crosey
Emily Dixon, Spring Arbor University
Karen Jill Farrell
Catherine Macomber
Kenneth Sherman
Robin Simpson, Michigan CE Collaborative, Michigan Chapter, National Association of Social Workers
Alia Wesala, University of Michigan

11. Persons submitting comments of opposition:

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None.

12. Identify any changes made to the proposed rules based on comments received during the public comment period:

	Name & Organization	Comments made at public hearing	Written Comments	Agency Rationale for change	Rule number & citation changed
1	Emily Dixon, Spring Arbor University	The commenter stated that she had received questions regarding the meaning of the word supervisor in the definition of “supervisory review.”		Adding additional information to describe who qualifies as the “supervisor” in the definition of “supervisory review” will clarify the meaning of the term.	R 338.2921 (e)
2	Robin Simpson, Michigan CE Collaborative, Michigan Chapter, National Association of Social Workers	The commenter stated that she had received questions regarding the meaning of the word supervisor in the definition of “supervisory review.”		Adding additional information to describe who qualifies as the “supervisor” in the definition of “supervisory review” will clarify the meaning of the term.	R 338.2921 (e)
3	Emily Dixon, Spring Arbor University	The commenter stated that the term “graduation” has led some applicants to believe that having attended a graduation ceremony is required. The commenter requested that the term “completed” be used instead.		Changing the requirement to read “completed” instead of “graduated” will eliminate the misunderstanding.	R 228.2939 (1)(b)

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4	Emily Dixon, Spring Arbor University	The commenter stated that the term “graduation” has led some applicants to believe that having attended a graduation ceremony is required. The commenter requested that the term “completed” be used instead.		Changing the requirement to read “completed” instead of “graduated” will eliminate the misunderstanding.	R 228.2947 (1)(b)
5	Emily Dixon, Spring Arbor University	The commenter stated that the term “graduation” has led some applicants to believe that having attended a graduation ceremony is required. The commenter requested that the term “completed” be used instead.		Changing the requirement to read “completed” instead of “graduated” will eliminate the misunderstanding.	R 228.2951 (a)
6	Emily Dixon, Spring Arbor University	The commenter stated that the term “graduation” has led some applicants to believe that having attended a graduation ceremony is required. The commenter requested that the term “completed” be used instead.		Changing the requirement to read “completed” instead of “graduated” will eliminate the misunderstanding.	R 228.2953 (a)
7	Duane Brejak, Michigan Chapter, National Association of Social Workers	The commenter stated that the word “be” is missing in the second column of this rule, between the words “may” and “earned.”		The rule contains a typographical error that should be corrected by inserting the word “be.”	R 338.2963 (4)(b)

13.Date report completed:

8/18/2020