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**SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY  
SUPERVISION**

This substantive policy statement is advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedure of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties, you may petition the agency under A.R.S. §41-1033 for a review of the statement.

A.A.C. R4-6-604(3) provides as follows: Supervision of an applicant shall be provided by an Arizona Certified Marriage and Family Therapist.

A.A.C. R4-6-604(5) provides as follows: An applicant may make a written request to the Marriage and Family Therapy Credentialing Committee for an exemption from the requirement of subsection (3). The Committee shall review the request to determine whether the proposed supervisor has the education, training, and experience to provide the supervision. If the proposed supervisor is qualified, the Committee shall grant the request for an exemption.

When reviewing supervision exemption requests pursuant to R4-6-604(5), the Marriage and Family Therapy Credentialing Committee will consider supervision provided by a behavioral health professional who is not a Certified Marriage and Family Therapist if the professional has education, training and experience in the area of marriage and family therapy acceptable to the committee. To enable the committee to make this determination, the applicant must provide the supervisor's transcript and curriculum vitae for committee review.