

**65-6402. Definitions.** As used in the marriage and family therapists licensure act:

(a) "Board" means the behavioral sciences regulatory board created under K.S.A. 74-7501 and amendments thereto.

(b) "Marriage and family therapy" means the assessment and treatment of cognitive, affective or behavioral problems within the context of marital and family systems and includes the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders as authorized under the marriage and family therapists licensure act.

(c) "Licensed marriage and family therapist" means a person who engages in the practice of marriage and family therapy and who is licensed under this act except that on and after January 1, 2002, such person shall engage in the practice of marriage and family therapy only under the direction of a licensed clinical marriage and family therapist, a licensed psychologist, a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or a person licensed to provide mental health services as an independent practitioner and whose licensure allows for the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders.

(d) "Licensed clinical marriage and family therapist" means a person who engages in the independent practice of marriage and family therapy including the diagnosis and treatment of mental disorders specified in the edition of the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders of the American psychiatric association designated by the board by rules and regulations and is licensed under this act.

**History:** L. 1991, ch. 114, § 2; L. 1996, ch. 153, § 17; L. 1999, ch. 117, § 18; July 1, 2000.