

Marriage and Family Therapy Bill of Rights

Minnesota Administrative Rules

5300.0350 Code of Ethics

Subpart 5. Relations to Clients:

A marriage and family therapist's primary professional responsibility is to the client. A marriage and family therapist must make every reasonable effort to advance the welfare and best interests of families and individuals. A marriage and family therapist must respect the rights of those persons seeking assistance and make reasonable efforts to ensure that the therapist's services are used appropriately. A marriage therapist is bound by these ethics primarily. These ethics supersede any policies of an employer or contractor that may be contrary to the ethics in this part.

Subparagraph N:

A therapist must display prominently on the premises of the therapist's professional practice or make available as a handout the bill of rights of clients, including a statement that consumers of marriage and family therapy services offered by marriage and family therapists licensed by the State of Minnesota have the right:

- (1). To expect that a therapist has met the minimal qualifications of training and experience required by state law;
- (2). To examine public records maintained by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy which contain the credentials of a therapist;
- (3). To obtain a copy of the code of ethics from the State Register and Public Documents Division, Department of Administration, 117 University Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55155;
- (4). To report complaints to the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue SE, Suite 330, Minneapolis, MN 55414-3222;
- (5). To be informed of the cost of professional services before receiving the services;
- (6). To privacy as defined by rule and law;
- (7). To be free from being the object of discrimination on the basis of race, religion, gender, or other unlawful category while receiving services;
- (8). To have access to their records as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section [144.292](#); and
- (9). To be free from exploitation for the benefit or advantage of a therapist.

For the Full Description of MN Rules and Statutes Governing Marriage and Family Therapy:

- MN Statutes Sections MS 148B.01 - 148B.175 and 148B.29 - 148B.39
- <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=148B>
- <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=5300.0350>