

Remote Supervision

Act 457 (2024) <https://legis.la.gov/legis/ViewDocument.aspx?d=1381937> relative to telesupervision requires the Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners (“Board”) to “establish rules and regulations regarding the specific requirements and parameters for telesupervision, including technology standards, documentation, and confidentiality.”

The Board is working diligently on drafting the rules required by Act 457. Although Act 457 will become effective on August 1, 2024, the rule promulgation process will take several months to finalize. Until the rules are promulgated, social workers are required to seek approval of remote supervision from the Board pursuant to L.A.C.46:XXV.503(H). The Board shall consider the request at a regularly scheduled board meeting and notify the supervisor of its decision within 30 business days.

LMSWs requesting preapproval must:

- demonstrate undue hardship, disability or travel time,
- provide security information from the company regarding program/software,
- explain how confidential information will be protected, and
- explain how emergencies will be handled.