

Dear TAMFT Members,

The TAMFT Board and Legislative Committee are examining the issue of freedom-of-choice for consumers in regard to access to MFTs as providers of mental health services and seeking remedies to any existing inequities in access.

It is critical that we collect specific examples of situations where consumers were denied access to the services of a marriage and family therapist, or in which the marriage and family therapist was forced to limit services or reimbursement due to our license. Please provide us with any information you may possess about your own or your clients' experiences in regard to these issues. We would appreciate specific examples of marital therapy and also examples that are other mental health therapy done by an MFT.

This information will inform our strategies and steps in addressing this issue so that mental health service consumers are fully served by marriage and family therapists.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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