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### Justification of Emergency Status for Professional Counselor Rules

The Colorado Board of Professional Counselor Examiners (Board) finds that immediate adoption of these rules is necessary to comply with state law, specifically Senate Bill 11-187 concerning the continuation of the regulation of Mental Health professionals in the State of Colorado. The Board further finds compliance with the requirements of § 24-4-103, C.R.S. applicable to non-emergency rules would be contrary to the public interest. Permanent rules have also been filed and will be effective February 1, 2012.

