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Comment:

I generally agree with the proposed rule, however, I think that "by the State of Michigan" should be removed from the comment. The reason for this is if the client lives in another state and is under the care of a professional licensed in that state, the comment as currently written appears to bar a necessary disclosure being made simply because the professional is not licensed in Michigan.

In order to prevent confusion, it may also be helpful to provide some additional guidance and examples of who attorneys can and cannot make disclosures to. Making it clear who disclosures can and cannot be made to would also likely encourage attorneys to make disclosures because they would be less fearful of making an improper disclosure.

I am submitting this comment in my personal capacity and not on behalf of any organization.

Sincerely,

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