

STATE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS ASSOCIATE

The California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT) is looking for a State Government Affairs Associate to join our team. The Associate will work side-by-side with the Deputy Executive Director, Executive Director, Managing Director of Legal Affairs, and contract lobbyist in coordinating the state regulatory, administrative, and advocacy efforts of CAMFT by working with state regulators, health care provider advocacy groups and stakeholders, community providers, and CAMFT members. Additional responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- In collaboration with staff, articulate and communicate CAMFT policy positions to all relevant audiences including legislators, regulators, healthcare stakeholders and community partners, and CAMFT leadership.
- Review, analyze and report on regulatory issues related to the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS), and Departments of: Managed Health Care, Insurance, Health Care Services, Education, Corrections, and others as needed depending on CAMFT's priorities.
- Attend meetings with BBS and Departments listed above on behalf of CAMFT, responding to regulatory inquiries and testifying at public hearings.
- In collaboration, help assess critical short-term, intermediate, and longer-term public policy goals, including sponsored legislation.
- In collaboration, review relevant pieces of regulation (and state legislation), analyze the impact to the industry and to CAMFT, and communicate such impact to CAMFT leadership.
- Assist in creating guidelines for multi-tiered approach to government relations, incorporating outside lobbyists, staff, other consultants, and CAMFT volunteers.
- Develop and maintain strong internal and external relationships to exchange information with regulators, other levels of government, other stakeholders, and members to inform strategic and operational decisions related to programs and services.
- Write official written material: policy proposals, positions on regulations, formal correspondence, newsletters; and,
- Meet with legal team and staff to provide information and updates on policy issues, etc.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree and five years' experience in related field required.
- Knowledge of state regulatory agency operations and authority.
- Demonstrated ability to develop and maintain effective relationships with state officials, legislators, regulators, and other groups important to advocacy efforts.
- Strong skills in analyzing, understanding, and translating complex legislative, regulatory and policy issues in order to advise on changes in key policy matters.
- The ability to be persuasive is essential.

- Exceptional writing and editing skills.
- Ability to manage high levels of stress and meet critical deadlines.
- Creativity, having good judgment and taking initiative are also important.
- Knowledge of health care policy and/or association management desired.

Telework Specifications

Position resides in Sacramento with occasional trips to San Diego headquarters, and other state-wide stakeholder meetings required.

What CAMFT Offers:

- Salary range of \$85,364.00 to \$105,452.00, depending on experience level.
- Benefits: Health, Vision, and Dental Benefits; 401K provided
- CAMFT is an equal opportunity employer. We strongly encourage and welcome applications from all qualified persons regardless of their race, sex, gender identity and expression, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation, or age.

Please submit Cover Letter, Resume and Salary requirements to: Valene O'Donnell (Vodonnell@camft.org), Subject line: **State Government Affairs Associate**.