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# LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name <b>American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy</b>			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported <b>1133 15th Street NW Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20005-2710</b>			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/Zip (or Country): _____			
4. Contact Name <b>David M. Bergman</b>	Telephone <b>(202) 467-5105</b>	E-mail (optional) <b>dbergman@aamft.org</b>	5. Senate ID #
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self	6. House ID #		

**TYPE OF REPORT** 8. Year 2000 Midyear (January 1-June 30)  OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report  Termination Date \_\_\_\_\_

11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p><b>12. Lobbying Firms</b></p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ _____  <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p><b>13. Organizations</b></p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>40,000</u>  <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p><b>14. REPORTING METHOD.</b> Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature John P. Ambrose

Printed Name and Title John P. Ambrose, Director of Legal & Government Affairs



Registrant Name American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Client Name Self

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15. General issue area code ALC (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- Recognition of marriage and family therapists in substance abuse and mental health programs
- All provisions relating to substance abuse and mental health services and funding
- All legislation relating to substance abuse and mental health providers in health programs

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

- House
- Senate
- Department of Health and Human Services

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
David M. Bergman	Government Affairs Manager

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None

Signature *John P. Ambrose* Date 2-14-01  
Printed Name and Title John Ambrose-Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs

American Association for Marriage and Family Self  
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15. General issue area code EDU (one per page)  
-Re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, Title XIV  
All provisions relating to school mental health counselors and counseling.

16. Specific lobbying issues  
-Seek inclusion of marriage and family therapists as school mental health counselors under the Elementary and Secondary Act and ensure their availability for mental health counseling grants.  
-HR 4141, Education Options Act, all provisions relating to mental health counselors and counseling.  
-S2, Educational Opportunities Act, all provisions relating to mental health counselors and counseling.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None  
-House  
-Senate  
-Department of Education

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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15. General issue area code 60V (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

-Seek recognition of marriage and family therapists as health care professional in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP) in future FEHBP legislative proposals and executive branch actions.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

- House
- Senate
- White House
- Office of Personnel Management
- Department of Health and Human Services

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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15. General issue area code HCR (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues  
(see attached)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None  
-House  
-Senate

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Item # 16: Specific Lobbying Issues

S. 1344, Patient's Bill of Rights Act of 1999, all provisions relating to choice of coverage options; access to specialists; continuity of care; confidentiality of communications; nondiscrimination of providers health care professionals making medical necessity decisions; liability of managed care organizations; and an independent appeals process.

H.R. 2723, Bipartisan Consensus Managed Care Improvement Act of 1999, all provisions relating to: Choice of coverage options; access to specialists; continuity of care; confidentiality of communications; nondiscrimination of providers; health care professionals making medical necessity decisions; liability of managed care organizations; and an independent appeals process.

H.R. 2990, Quality Care for the Uninsured Act, all provisions relating to: choice of coverage options; access to specialists; continuity of care; confidentiality of communications; nondiscrimination of providers; health care professionals making medical necessity decision liability of managed care organizations; and an independent appeals process.

S. 326 Patient's Bill of Rights Act, Titles I & II, all provisions relating to: choice of coverage options; access to specialists; continuity of care; health care professionals making medical necessity decisions; liability of managed care organizations and independent appeals process.

Support Managed Care Reform that provides: choice of coverage options; access to specialists; continuity of care; confidentiality of communications; nondiscrimination of providers; health care professionals making medical necessity decisions; liability of managed care organizations; and an independent appeals process.

S. 2639, Mental Health Early Intervention, Treatment and Prevention Act of 2000, all provisions relating to increasing funding for mental health securities and providers and reducing the stigma of mental illness.

H.R. 4365, Children's Health Act, all provisions relating to mental health and substance abuse services and providers

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15. General issue area code INS (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

- S. 796, Mental Health Equitable Treatment Act of 1999, all provisions relating to providing full parity with respect to health insurance coverage for mental illnesses.
- H.R. 1515, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Parity Amendments of 1999, all provisions relating to providing full parity with respect to health insurance coverage for mental illnesses.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

- House
- Senate
- Health and Human Services Administration

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
David M. Bergman	Government Affairs Manager

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15. General issue area code: MED (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

(see attached)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

- House
- Senate
- Department of Health and Human Services

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
David M. Bergman	Government Affairs Manager

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Item #16: Specific Lobbying Issues

- S. 573, Medical Information Privacy and Security Act, all provisions relating to the disclosure of mental health records.
- S. 578, Health Care Personal Information Non-disclosure Act of 1999, all provisions relating to the disclosure of mental health records.
- S. 881, Medical Information Protection Act of 1999, all provisions relating to the disclosure of mental health records.
- H.R. 1057, Medical Information Privacy and Security Act, all provisions relating to the disclosure of mental health records.
- H.R. 1941, Health Information Privacy Act, all provisions relating to the disclosure of mental health records.
- H.R. 2470, Medical Information Protection and Research Enhancement Act of 1999, all provisions relating to the disclosure of mental health records.

Support of legislation that establishes strict guidelines for the disclosure of mental health records. Ensure adequate disclosure protections as well as penalties for violations.

HHS Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information; Final Rule, 45 CFR 160 and 164, all provisions relating to disclosure of mental health records

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15. General issue area code MMM (one per page)

H.R. 2945, Seniors Mental Health Access Improvement Act, all provisions relating to the coverage of marriage and family therapist services

16. Specific lobbying issues under Part B of the Medicare Program.

H.R. 4680, Medicare Rx 2000 Act, attempting to add provisions providing coverage of marriage and family therapist services under Part B of the Medicare Program.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

- House
- Senate
- Department of Health and Human Services
- White House
- Health Care Financing Administration

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Current Official Position (if applicable)
David M. Bergman	Government Affairs Manager

19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above  Check if None

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Item #16: Specific Lobbying Issues

S. 980, Promoting Health in Rural Areas Act of 1999, all provisions relating to recognized therapists in coverage of qualified mental health professional services under Medicare as it relates to rural health clinics.

H.R. 1334, Triple-A Rural Health Improvement Act of 1999, Title I, Sub-Title C, all provisions relating to recognized therapists in coverage of qualified mental health professional services under Medicare as it relates to rural health clinics.

Seek recognition of marriage and family therapists under Medicare.

S. 3077, Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 2000 all provisions relating to recognized therapists in coverage of qualified mental health professional services under Medicare.

H.R. 4577, FY2001 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill all provisions relating to recognized therapists in coverage of qualified mental health professional services under Medicare.

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15. General issue area code TRA (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

-49 CFR 40, Docket No. OST-99-5742, all provisions relating to qualifications for substance abuse professionals in Department of Transportation Drug and Alcohol Testing Programs.

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted  Check if None

-Department of Transportation  
-House

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

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**Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.**

20. Client's new address
21. Client's new principal place of business (if different from line 20)  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip (or Country) \_\_\_\_\_
22. New general description of client's business or activities

**LOBBYIST UPDATE**

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is no longer expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

**ISSUE UPDATE**

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that no longer pertain

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)
N/A		

26. Name of each previously reported organization that is no longer affiliated with the registrant or client

**FOREIGN ENTITIES**

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in client
N/A				

28. Name of each previously reported foreign entity that no longer owns, or controls, or is affiliated with the registrant, client or affiliated organization

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