

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

July 16, 2020

1:00 p.m.

Location: This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom pursuant to Executive Order 2020-132.

The hearing is held to receive public comments on the following administrative rules:

Social Work – General Rules (MOAHR 2019 - 81 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, MCL 333.16148, MCL 333.16287, MCL 333.18516, and MCL 333.18518, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1, and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, MCL 445.2001, MCL 445.2011, and MCL 445.2030.

Overview: These rules will be revised to add a telehealth rule and requirements for relicensure of a bachelor's and master's social worker who holds a license in another state. The rule for registering a social service technician will be clarified. The rules will also clarify the experience that must be accumulated for a limited license bachelor's social worker and a limited master's social worker to be fully licensed. Amendments will be made to clarify the renewal restriction on a limited license. Amendments will be made to the rules pertaining to registration and licensure by endorsement and the continuing education rules. The rule pertaining to board approval of continuing education programs will be rescinded because board approved programs are now identified in the acceptable continuing education rule.

The rules will take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State, unless specified otherwise in the rules. Comments on the proposed rules may be presented in person at the public hearing. **Written comments will also be accepted from date of publication until 5:00 p.m. on July 16, 2020, at the following address or e-mail address:**

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing– Boards and Committees Section
P.O. Box 30670
Lansing, MI 48909-8170
Attention: Policy Analyst Email: BPL-BoardSupport@michigan.gov

A copy of the proposed rules may be obtained by contacting Board Support at (517) 241-7500 or the email address noted above. Electronic copies also may be obtained at the following link:

<https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/AdminCode/DownloadAdminCodeFile?FileName=R%20338.2921%20to%20R%20338.2965.pdf>

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Web Link: <https://zoom.us/j/96078109257?pwd=YUtVN1hyOEFuUVZjdzJ5VHNIL1RQUT09>

Password for Video Connection: 813755

Phone number: 877-336-1831

Conference Code for audio connection: 486917

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