

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Professional Licensing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

January 19, 2021
1:00 p.m.

The public hearing will be held virtually via Zoom to receive public comments while complying with measures designed to help prevent the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 19).

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

Chiropractic – General Rules (MOAHR #2019-84 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.16401, 333.16412, 333.16423, and 333.16431, as well as Executive Reorganization Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules will clarify terms used in the rule set, adopt by reference accreditation standards for chiropractic educational programs; include a requirement that acceptable continuing education must be approved or offered by the Michigan Association of Chiropractors (MAC), with the exception of a course or courses related to the practice of chiropractic which are offered on campus by an approved chiropractic school or initial presentation of a continuing education program related to the practice of chiropractic to a state, regional, national, or international organization; and rescind the rule allowing a proposed sponsor of continuing education to seek approval from the board to offer continuing education courses since proposed continuing education providers will now have to seek approval from the MAC.

Pharmacy Technicians (MOAHR #2020-29 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.16184, 333.16201, 333.16204, 333.16205, 333.17731, 333.17739, 333.17739a, 333.17739b, and 333.17739c, as well as Executive Reorganization Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules will clarify the requirements and process of applying for a pharmacy technician license; require Board approved pharmacy technician programs to be accredited; limit the time a pharmacy technician student may participate in pharmacy technician activities while in a pharmacy technician program; review pharmacy technician employer programs and examinations every 5 years; require all applicants for relicensure to show good moral character and submit their fingerprints; require all applicants to take human trafficking training; require continuing education to be met with courses and programs instead of taking a proficiency examination; require 1 hour in ethics and jurisprudence in each renewal cycle; modify the continuing education approval process; and allow pharmacy technicians to assist in technology assisted final product verification.

Speech-Language Pathology – General Rules (MOAHR #2020-78 LR)

Authority: MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, 333.17601, 333.17607, 333.17609, 333.17610, and 333.17611, as well as Executive Reorganization Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030.

Overview: The proposed rules will clarify terms used in the rule set; insert a date of promulgation for the rule on identifying victims of human trafficking; clarify the name of the licensure examination, add a requirement that the applicant have educational program verification sent directly to the department; change the educational limited license to a temporary license and limit the license to a license that the department may only issue for 12 months and is nonrenewable to conform with MCL 333.17609(4); clarify the number of hours of required direct clinical contact, as well as required activities within the scope of practice of a speech-language pathologist; require for graduates of non-accredited institutions to have educational program verification sent directly to the department and have a credential evaluation agency that is a member of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) perform a credential evaluation; update accreditation standards; add criteria related to good moral character and fingerprints as conditions for relicensure; add criteria for relicensure of certified teachers related to good moral character, verification of credentials, and continuing professional development credits; include a requirement that a certified teacher limited license holder send a verification of employment form to the department; change the submission date for board review for board review of proposed continuous professional development providers from 60 days to 120 days prior to the proposed program date; align the requirements for referral of patients with swallowing disorders and communication disorders with MCL 333.17607(3) and allow referrals to those licensed in the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine or an advanced practice registered nurse.

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 January 19, 2021, 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:

Chiropractic

<https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTtransaction?TransactionID=82>

Pharmacy Technicians

<https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTtransaction?TransactionID=157>

Speech-Language Pathology

<https://ars.apps.lara.state.mi.us/Transaction/RFRTTransaction?TransactionID=206>

All members of the public may attend and participate in this meeting by visiting the following web link or dialing the number below at the time of the meeting.

Web Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89584407954?pwd=R0ZmOGhNUmw5Z24xZ3g4a2UveGx4dz09>

Password for video connection: 759646

Phone number: 877-336-1831

Conference Code for audio connection: 486917

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