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**REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT  
and COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS (RIS)**

**Agency Information:**

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**Rule Set Information:**

**ARD assigned rule set number:**

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**Title of proposed rule set:**

Podiatric Medicine and Surgery – General Rules

**Comparison of Rule(s) to Federal/State/Association Standard**

**1. Compare the proposed rules to parallel federal rules or standards set by a state or national licensing agency or accreditation association, if any exist.**

Each state establishes its own requirements with respect to podiatrists, so there are no federal rules or standards set by a national or state agency that the proposed rules can be compared to.

**A. Are these rules required by state law or federal mandate?**

MCL 333.16145 requires the board to promulgate rules to specify the requirements for licensure, renewals, examination, and required passing scores.

MCL 333.16148 requires the department to promulgate rules to establish the training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking.

MCL 333.16287 requires the department, in consultation with the board, to promulgate rules to implement telehealth services.

There is no applicable federal mandate.

**B. If these rules exceed a federal standard, please identify the federal standard or citation, describe why it is necessary that the proposed rules exceed the federal standard or law, and specify the costs and benefits arising out of the deviation.**

The proposed rules do not exceed a federal standard.

**2. Compare the proposed rules to standards in similarly situated states, based on geographic location, topography, natural resources, commonalities, or economic similarities.**

The proposed rules are consistent with the standards required by the Michigan Public Health Code, and the rules are largely consistent with the requirements of other states in the Great Lakes region. Every state in the Great Lakes region provides for the regulation of this profession.

**A. If the rules exceed standards in those states, please explain why and specify the costs and benefits arising out of the deviation.**

Overall, the standards in the proposed rules do not exceed those of the other states in the Great Lakes region.

**3. Identify any laws, rules, and other legal requirements that may duplicate, overlap, or conflict with the proposed rules.**

There are no other laws, rules, or other legal requirements that may duplicate, overlap, or conflict with these proposed rules.

**A. Explain how the rules have been coordinated, to the extent practicable, with other federal, state, and local laws applicable to the same activity or subject matter. This section should include a discussion of the efforts undertaken by the agency to avoid or minimize duplication.**

No coordination is needed because there are no other applicable laws that regulate the areas addressed in the proposed rules.

**4. If MCL 24.232(8) applies and the proposed rules are more stringent than the applicable federally mandated standard, provide a statement of specific facts that establish the clear and convincing need to adopt the more stringent rules.**

MCL 24.232(8) does not apply.

**5. If MCL 24.232(9) applies and the proposed rules are more stringent than the applicable federal standard, provide either the Michigan statute that specifically authorizes the more stringent rules OR a statement of the specific facts that establish the clear and convincing need to adopt the more stringent rules.**

MCL 24.232(9) does not apply.

## **Purpose and Objectives of the Rule(s)**

**6. Identify the behavior and frequency of behavior that the proposed rules are designed to alter.**

Part 2 Licensure: The current rules pertain to the requirements for licensure, licensure by endorsement, educational limited licenses, and relicensure. In the proposed rules, the training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking and for licensure by examination will be amended and clarified. The examination rule will be amended to reflect current testing requirements, and the licensure by endorsement rule will be amended to address licensure requirements for applicants currently licensed in Canada. The requirements for licensure by endorsement and relicensure will also be amended to require the applicant to disclose each health care credential ever held and to have resolved any disciplinary action taken against the individual before being licensed by endorsement or relicensed. The testing requirements for an educational limited license will also be amended to reflect current testing requirements. The proposed rules will assist an applicant in becoming licensed or relicensed by meeting current standards and requirements.

Part 3 Educational and Residency Programs: The current rules pertain to the standards for educational programs approved by the board and adopted by reference. The proposed rules will provide up-to-date information regarding the standards for educational programs to assist an applicant to meet licensure requirements.

Part 4 Continuing Education: The current rules pertain to the requirements and limitations on the accumulation of continuing education and identify the board-approved continuing education activities and sponsors. The proposed rules will amend and clarify the training and continuing education requirements for license renewal and the approved activities and sponsors to assist a licensee in meeting all requirements for license renewal.

**A. Estimate the change in the frequency of the targeted behavior expected from the proposed rules.**

The frequency of use is not expected to change.

**B. Describe the difference between current behavior/practice and desired behavior/practice.**

Part 2 Licensure: The current rules pertain to the requirements for licensure, licensure by endorsement, educational limited licenses, and relicensure. In the proposed rules, the training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking and for licensure by examination will be amended and clarified. The examination rule will be amended to reflect current testing requirements, and the licensure by endorsement rule will be amended to address licensure requirements for applicants currently licensed in Canada. The requirements for licensure by endorsement and relicensure will also be amended to require the applicant to disclose each health care credential ever held and to have resolved any disciplinary action taken against the individual before being licensed by endorsement or relicensed. The testing requirements for an educational limited license will also be amended to reflect current testing requirements. The desired effect is to assist an applicant in becoming licensed or relicensed.

Part 3 Educational and Residency Programs: The current rules pertain to the standards for educational programs approved by the board and adopted by reference. The proposed rules will provide up-to-date information regarding the standards for educational programs. The desired effect is to ensure that an applicant for licensure has acquired the necessary education and skills to be competent in providing services to the public. The desired behavior is compliance with educational requirements.

Part 4 Continuing Education: The current rules pertain to the requirements and limitations on the continuing education required for renewal and identify the board-approved continuing education activities and sponsors. The proposed rules will amend and clarify the training and continuing education requirements for license renewal and the approved activities and sponsors. The desired behavior is licensee compliance with all requirements for license renewal.

**C. What is the desired outcome?**

R 338.8102: The proposed changes to this rule will clarify the training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking. The proposed rule is to assist an applicant for licensure or renewal in complying with the statutorily required training.

R 338.8103: This rule pertains to podiatric licensure by examination. The proposed rule clarifies the requirements for licensure to assist the applicant in meeting the licensing requirements.

R 338.8104: This rule pertains to the examination approved for licensure. The proposed changes amend and clarify the examination requirements for licensure.

R 338.8107: This rule pertains to licensure by endorsement. The proposed changes amend and clarify the requirements to assist the applicant for licensure by endorsement in meeting the requirements. The proposed rule also requires the applicant to disclose each health care credential ever held and to have resolved any disciplinary action taken against the individual before being licensed by endorsement.

R 338.8109: This rule pertains to educational limited licenses. The proposed changes clarify the requirements to assist the applicant for an educational limited license to meet the requirements.

R 338.8110: This rule pertains to relicensure. The proposed rules clarify the requirements to assist the applicant for relicensure in meeting the requirements and require the applicant to disclose each health care credential ever held and to have resolved any disciplinary action taken against the individual before being licensed by endorsement.

R 338.8113: This rule pertains to accreditation standards. The proposed changes update the educational program standards adopted by reference to assist an applicant in meeting licensing requirements.

R 338.8127: This rule pertains to the acceptable continuing education required for license renewal. The proposed rule amends the requirements for license renewal to advise the applicant that he or she must also satisfy the requirements set out in the Public Health Code General Rules before applying for renewal. It also amends acceptable continuing education activities to assist the licensee in accumulating approved continuing education credits.

**7. Identify the harm resulting from the behavior that the proposed rules are designed to alter and the likelihood that the harm will occur in the absence of the rule.**

Part 2 Licensure: The current rule pertaining to the training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking contains outdated information. The harm that may result is applicant noncompliance.

The current rules identifying testing requirements contain outdated information. The harm that may result is confusion and noncompliance with current licensure requirements.

The proposed rules will require that an applicant for licensure by endorsement or relicensure disclose any health care credential he or she holds and advise that each credential must be verified by the issuing entity and will require that the applicant to have resolved any disciplinary action taken against the individual before being licensed by endorsement or relicensed. The harm that may result without the changes is applicant noncompliance.

Part 3 Educational and Residency Programs: The amendments to the current rules are intended to provide up-to-date information regarding the approved educational programs. In the absence of this rule change, current standards cannot be identified.

Part 4 Continuing Education: The current rules pertain to the requirements and limitations on the accumulation of continuing education and identify the board-approved continuing education activities and sponsors. The current rules do not include a reference to the renewal requirements contained in the Public Health Code General Rules. The harm that may result is that the applicant may not comply with all renewal requirements.

**A. What is the rationale for changing the rules instead of leaving them as currently written?**

Part 2 Licensure: The amendments to the current rules are intended provide the most up-to-date information to applicants concerning the training standards for identifying victims of human trafficking, testing requirements, and requirements to be licensed or relicensed. Without up-to-date information, an applicant may not satisfy all current requirements, which could delay licensure or result in the denial of the application. Amending the rules is the only way that an applicant will be aware of the current standards and requirements for licensure or relicensure.

Part 3. The amendments to the current rules are intended to provide up-to-date information regarding the approved educational programs. In the absence of this rule change, current standards cannot be identified.

Part 4 Continuing Education: The proposed amendments are intended to assist a renewal applicant to identify the training and approved continuing education necessary for license renewal. This cannot be achieved without changing the rules.

**8. Describe how the proposed rules protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens while promoting a regulatory environment in Michigan that is the least burdensome alternative for those required to comply.**

Part 2 Licensure: The proposed rules will protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens by ensuring that an applicant has satisfied all requirements for licensure, including the current examination requirements, and by requiring that an applicant for licensure by endorsement or relicensure disclose each health care credential he or she has ever held, and by requiring that there is no unresolved disciplinary action against the applicant. There is no less burdensome way to ensure that an applicant is prepared and safe to practice, which will protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens.

Part 3 Educational and Residency Programs: The proposed rules will protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens by ensuring that an applicant has met the most up-to-date standards for podiatric education. There is no less burdensome way to ensure that an applicant is prepared and safe to practice, which will protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens.

Part 4 Continuing Education: The proposed rules are intended to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens by ensuring that the applicant for renewal has completed the necessary training and continuing education from a board-approved provider to stay up to date in his or her education and training. There is no less burdensome way to ensure that an applicant is prepared and safe to practice, which will protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens.

**9. Describe any rules in the affected rule set that are obsolete or unnecessary and can be rescinded.**

No rules can be rescinded.

**Fiscal Impact on the Agency**

Fiscal impact is an increase or decrease in expenditures from the current level of expenditures, i.e. hiring additional staff, higher contract costs, programming costs, changes in reimbursements rates, etc. over and above what is currently expended for that function. It does not include more intangible costs for benefits, such as opportunity costs, the value of time saved or lost, etc., unless those issues result in a measurable impact on expenditures.

**10. Please provide the fiscal impact on the agency (an estimate of the cost of rule imposition or potential savings for the agency promulgating the rule).**

The proposed rules are not expected to have a fiscal impact on the agency.

**11. Describe whether or not an agency appropriation has been made or a funding source provided for any expenditures associated with the proposed rules.**

No agency appropriation has been made or a funding source provided because there are no expenditures associated with the proposed rules.

**12. Describe how the proposed rules are necessary and suitable to accomplish their purpose, in relationship to the burden(s) the rules place on individuals. Burdens may include fiscal or administrative burdens, or duplicative acts.**

Part 2: A licensee must acquire knowledge to identify victims of human trafficking, which will protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens. There is no less burdensome way to ensure that a licensee is trained to identify victims of human trafficking. This rule is required by statute.

The rules in this part protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens by approving and adopting the current examination requirements to ensure that the applicant has been appropriately trained, tested, and demonstrated that he or she is competent to provide services to the public.

There is no increased burden on the individual applicant as a result of the proposed rules.

Part 3 Educational and Residency Programs: The amendments to the current rules are intended to provide up-to-date information regarding the approved educational programs. There is no increased burden on an individual as a result of the amendments.

Part 4 Continuing Education: The proposed rules in this part protect the health, safety, and welfare of Michigan citizens by requiring a licensee seeking renewal to complete continuing education and to comply with the training requirements set out in the Public Health Code General Rules, which includes completing implicit bias training. The cost for completing implicit bias training will vary depending on the program chosen. Some Michigan hospitals offer implicit bias training free of charge, but any cost incurred by the applicant will be outweighed by achieving greater equity in access to and the provision of health care services in Michigan.

**A. Despite the identified burden(s), identify how the requirements in the rules are still needed and reasonable compared to the burdens.**

The cost to take implicit bias training will vary, depending on the program chosen. Several Michigan hospitals offer free implicit bias training. Podiatrists will need to invest their time to obtain implicit bias training, but the investment of time is outweighed by the overall benefit of ensuring greater equity in access to and the provision of health care services.

## **Impact on Other State or Local Governmental Units**

**13. Estimate any increase or decrease in revenues to other state or local governmental units (i.e. cities, counties, school districts) as a result of the rule. Estimate the cost increases or reductions for other state or local governmental units (i.e. cities, counties, school districts) as a result of the rule. Include the cost of equipment, supplies, labor, and increased administrative costs in both the initial imposition of the rule and any ongoing monitoring.**

There are no anticipated increases or reductions for other state or local governmental units as a result of the proposed rules.

**14. Discuss any program, service, duty, or responsibility imposed upon any city, county, town, village, or school district by the rules.**

There are no anticipated or intended programs, services, duties, or responsibilities imposed on any city, town, village, or school district as a result of these proposed rules.

**A. Describe any actions that governmental units must take to be in compliance with the rules. This section should include items such as record keeping and reporting requirements or changing operational practices.**

There are no anticipated actions that a governmental unit must take to comply with the proposed rules.

**15. Describe whether or not an appropriation to state or local governmental units has been made or a funding source provided for any additional expenditures associated with the proposed rules.**

No appropriations have been made to any governmental units as a result of the proposed rules. No additional expenditures are anticipated or intended with the proposed rules.

## **Rural Impact**

**16. In general, what impact will the rules have on rural areas?**

The proposed rules impose requirements on individual licensees rather than small businesses. Even if a licensee's workplace qualifies as a small business, the department could not exempt his or her business because it would create a disparity in the regulation of the profession.

**A. Describe the types of public or private interests in rural areas that will be affected by the rules.**

The proposed rules will not impact public or private interests in rural areas.

## **Environmental Impact**

**17. Do the proposed rules have any impact on the environment? If yes, please explain.**

The proposed rules do not have any impact on the environment.

## **Small Business Impact Statement**

**18. Describe whether and how the agency considered exempting small businesses from the proposed rules.**

The department did not consider exempting small businesses because they are not impacted by the proposed rules.

**19. If small businesses are not exempt, describe (a) the manner in which the agency reduced the economic impact of the proposed rules on small businesses, including a detailed recitation of the efforts of the agency to comply with the mandate to reduce the disproportionate impact of the rules upon small businesses as described below (in accordance with MCL 24.240(1)(a-d)), or (b) the reasons such a reduction was not lawful or feasible.**

The rules cannot exempt small businesses because the rules do not directly regulate small businesses. The rules regulate individual licensees.

**A. Identify and estimate the number of small businesses affected by the proposed rules and the probable effect on small businesses.**

There are approximately 854 podiatrists licensed in Michigan.

A licensee may work in a small business. However, no matter what type of business environment the licensee works in, he or she will have to comply with the proposed rules. The rules do not impact small business differently because the impact is to the individual licensee only.

**B. Describe how the agency established differing compliance or reporting requirements or timetables for small businesses under the rules after projecting the required reporting, record-keeping, and other administrative costs.**

The agency did not establish separate compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses. The proposed rules will apply to all individual licensees. The rules were drafted to be the least burdensome on all affected licensees.

**C. Describe how the agency consolidated or simplified the compliance and reporting requirements for small businesses and identify the skills necessary to comply with the reporting requirements.**

The agency did not consolidate or simplify compliance and reporting requirements for small businesses with the proposed rules because the proposed rules do not impact small businesses.

**D. Describe how the agency established performance standards to replace design or operation standards required by the proposed rules.**

The agency did not establish performance standards to replace design or operation standards required by these rules.

**20. Identify any disproportionate impact the proposed rules may have on small businesses because of their size or geographic location.**

The proposed rules do not impact small business. They impact an individual licensee. Therefore, there is no disproportionate impact on a small business because of its size or geographic location.

**21. Identify the nature of any report and the estimated cost of its preparation by small businesses required to comply with the proposed rules.**

The proposed rules affect individuals applying for licensure and renewal, regardless if they practice in a small business. There is no separate cost to a small business.

**22. Analyze the costs of compliance for all small businesses affected by the proposed rules, including costs of equipment, supplies, labor, and increased administrative costs.**

There are no expected costs for equipment, supplies, labor, or administrative costs that a small business would incur in complying with the proposed rules.

The rules impact licensees and not small businesses.

**23. Identify the nature and estimated cost of any legal, consulting, or accounting services that small businesses would incur in complying with the proposed rules.**

There are no expected costs for legal, consulting, or accounting services that a small business would incur in complying with the proposed rules.

**24. Estimate the ability of small businesses to absorb the costs without suffering economic harm and without adversely affecting competition in the marketplace.**

There are no expected costs to a small business that will cause economic harm to a small business or the marketplace as a result of the proposed rules.

**25. Estimate the cost, if any, to the agency of administering or enforcing a rule that exempts or sets lesser standards for compliance by small businesses.**

The proposed rules impose requirements on individual licensees rather than a small business. Even if a licensee's practice qualifies as a small business, the department could not exempt his or her business because it would create disparity in the regulation of the profession.

Therefore, there is no cost to the agency for administering or enforcing the rules because exempting or setting lesser standards of compliance for a small business is not in the best interest of the public.

**26. Identify the impact on the public interest of exempting or setting lesser standards of compliance for small businesses.**

The proposed rules impose requirements on individual licensees rather than a small business. Even if a licensee's work qualifies as a small business, the department could not exempt his or her business because it would create a disparity in the regulation of the profession. Therefore, exempting or setting lesser standards of compliance for a small business is not in the best interest of the public.

**27. Describe whether and how the agency has involved small businesses in the development of the proposed rules.**

The department worked with the Michigan Board of Podiatric Medicine and Surgery in the development of the proposed rules. The Board is composed of professional and public members.

**A. If small businesses were involved in the development of the rules, please identify the business(es).**

No small businesses were involved in the development of the rules.

**Cost-Benefit Analysis of Rules (independent of statutory impact)**

**28. Estimate the actual statewide compliance costs of the rule amendments on businesses or groups.**

There are no estimated compliance costs with these rule amendments on businesses or groups.

**A. Identify the businesses or groups who will be directly affected by, bear the cost of, or directly benefit from the proposed rules.**

No businesses or groups will be directly affected or benefitted by the proposed rules. No additional costs will be imposed on any businesses or groups.

**B. What additional costs will be imposed on businesses and other groups as a result of these proposed rules (i.e. new equipment, supplies, labor, accounting, or recordkeeping)? Please identify the types and number of businesses and groups. Be sure to quantify how each entity will be affected.**

No additional costs will be imposed on any businesses or groups.

**29. Estimate the actual statewide compliance costs of the proposed rules on individuals (regulated individuals or the public). Include the costs of education, training, application fees, examination fees, license fees, new equipment, supplies, labor, accounting, or recordkeeping.**

It is estimated that there will be no new compliance cost imposed on individuals as a result of the proposed rules.

**A. How many and what category of individuals will be affected by the rules?**

All licensees and applicants are affected by the proposed rules.

**B. What qualitative and quantitative impact do the proposed changes in rules have on these individuals?**

There is no qualitative or quantitative impact on individuals as a result of the proposed rules.

**30. Quantify any cost reductions to businesses, individuals, groups of individuals, or governmental units as a result of the proposed rules.**

There are no cost reductions to businesses, individuals, groups of individuals, or governmental units as a result of the proposed rules.

**31. Estimate the primary and direct benefits and any secondary or indirect benefits of the proposed rules. Please provide both quantitative and qualitative information, as well as your assumptions.**

The proposed rules use clear, concise language, and implement the statutory requirements for licensing. The clear, concise language allows the public, applicants, and licensees to better understand the requirements for licensure and renewal.

**32. Explain how the proposed rules will impact business growth and job creation (or elimination) in Michigan.**

The rules are not expected to have an impact on business growth, job creation, or job elimination in Michigan.

**33. Identify any individuals or businesses who will be disproportionately affected by the rules as a result of their industrial sector, segment of the public, business size, or geographic location.**

The department does not expect any individuals or businesses to be disproportionately impacted by the rules as a result of their industrial sector, segment of the public, business size, or geographic location.

**34. Identify the sources the agency relied upon in compiling the regulatory impact statement, including the methodology utilized in determining the existence and extent of the impact of the proposed rules and a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed rules.**

Illinois: <https://ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs3.asp?ActID=1321&ChapAct=225%20ILCS%20100/&ChapterID=24&ChapterName=PROFESSIONS+AND+OCCUPATIONS&ActName=Podiatric+Medical+Practice+Act+of+1987;>

<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/068/06801360sections.html>.

[http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=&SessionId=91&GA=100&DocTypeId=SB&DocNum=1811&GAID=14&LegID=104905&SpecSess=&Session=)

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Indiana: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2018/ic/titles/025#25-29;>

<http://iga.in.gov/legislative/laws/2018/ic/titles/025#25-1-9.5;> [http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac\\_title?iact=845](http://www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac_title?iact=845)

Kentucky: KENTUCKY BOARD OF PODIATRY

Minnesota: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/153> ; <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/6900/>

New York: <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pod/podlaw.htm>; <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/pod/podce.htm>

Ohio: <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/4731>; <http://codes.ohio.gov/oac/4731>

Pennsylvania: Act No. 375 of 1955 - PA General Assembly (state.pa.us); 49 Pa. Code Chapter 29. State Board Of Podiatry (pacodeandbulletin.gov)

Wisconsin: <https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/RulesStatutes/POD.aspx>;

[https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin\\_code/pod/3.pdf](https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/code/admin_code/pod/3.pdf)

**A. How were estimates made, and what were your assumptions? Include internal and external sources, published reports, information provided by associations or organizations, etc., that demonstrate a need for the proposed rules.**

Since the rules are required by statute, no estimates were made.

## **Alternative to Regulation**

**35. Identify any reasonable alternatives to the proposed rules that would achieve the same or similar goals.**

Since the rules are required by statute, there are no reasonable alternatives to the proposed rules.

**A. Please include any statutory amendments that may be necessary to achieve such alternatives.**

Since the rules are required by statute, a statutory change would be needed to provide an alternative.

**36. Discuss the feasibility of establishing a regulatory program similar to that proposed in the rules that would operate through private market-based mechanisms. Please include a discussion of private market-based systems utilized by other states.**

Since the rules are required by statute, private market-based systems cannot serve as an alternative. The licensing and regulation of podiatrists are state functions, and states regulate podiatrists by statute, regulation, or both. Private market-based systems are not used for licensing and regulation.

There are professional organizations that establish criteria for membership, but these organizations would provide the public with significantly less protection because membership in many of these organizations is voluntary. This means an individual who meets the membership requirements but does not join one of the professional organizations would be able to practice, and there would be no way to ensure their competency or hold them accountable.

**37. Discuss all significant alternatives the agency considered during rule development and why they were not incorporated into the rules. This section should include ideas considered both during internal discussions and discussions with stakeholders, affected parties, or advisory groups.**

Since the rules are specifically required by statute, there are no alternatives to the proposed rules that the agency could consider. They are necessary for the administration and enforcement of the licensing process.

## **Additional Information**

**38. As required by MCL 24.245b(1)(c), please describe any instructions regarding the method of complying with the rules, if applicable.**

The instructions for compliance are included in the rules.