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Administrative Rules Division (ARD)

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REQUEST FOR RULEMAKING (RFR)

1. Department:

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

2. Bureau:

Bureau of Professional Licensing

3. Promulgation type:

Full Process

4. Title of proposed rule set:

Audiology – General Rules

5. Rule numbers or rule set range of numbers:

R 338.1 – R 338.13

6. Estimated time frame:

12 months

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7. Describe the general purpose of these rules, including any problems the changes are intended to address.

The Audiology – General Rules pertain to definitions, training, licensure, limited licenses, clinical experience, examination, accreditation standards, relicensure, renewal, continuing education, and telehealth for audiologists.

Amendment of the rules will take place to supply necessary revisions on definitions, training, licensure, limited licenses, clinical experience, examination, accreditation standards, relicensure, renewal, continuing education, and telehealth for audiologists.

8. Please cite the specific promulgation authority for the rules (i.e. department director, commission, board, etc.).

The department in consultation with the board.

A. Please list all applicable statutory references (MCLs, Executive Orders, etc.).

MCL 333.16145, 333.16148, MCL 333.16204, MCL 333.16287, and 333.16811, and Executive Reorganization Order Nos. 1991-9, 1996-2, 2003-1 and 2011-4, MCL 338.3501, 445.2001, 445.2011, and 445.2030.

B. Are the rules mandated by any applicable constitutional or statutory provision? If so, please explain.

Under MCL 333.16204, if the completion of continuing education is a condition for renewal, the board shall by rule require an applicant for renewal to complete an appropriate number of hours or courses in pain and symptom management.

Under MCL 333.16287, the department, in consultation with the board, shall promulgate rules to implement MCL 333.16284 and MCL 333.16285.

Under MCL 333.16811, the department, in consultation with the board, shall promulgate rules to require licensees seeking renewal to furnish evidence acceptable to the department and board of the successful completion, during the preceding license year, of at least 10 clock hours of continuing education courses or programs related to the practice of audiology and designed to further educate licensees.

9. Please describe the extent to which the rules conflict with or duplicate similar rules, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

The rules do not conflict with or duplicate similar rules, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

10. Is the subject matter of the rules currently contained in any guideline, handbook, manual, instructional bulletin, form with instructions, or operational memoranda?

The subject matter of the rules is not currently contained in any guideline, handbook, manual, instructional bulletin, form with instructions, or operational memoranda.

11. Are the rules listed on the department's annual regulatory plan as rules to be processed for the current year?

No.

12. Will the proposed rules be promulgated under Section 44 of the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.244, or under the full rulemaking process?

Full Process

13. Please describe the extent to which the rules exceed similar regulations, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

The rules do not exceed similar regulations, compliance requirements, or other standards adopted at the state, regional, or federal level.

14. Do the rules incorporate the recommendations received from the public regarding any complaints or comments regarding the rules? If yes, please explain.

The rules do not incorporate the recommendations received from the public regarding any complaints or comments regarding the rules.

15. If amending an existing rule set, please provide the date of the last evaluation of the rules and the degree, if any, to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed the regulatory activity covered by the rules since the last evaluation.

Amendment of the rules last took place effective March 29, 2023. No technological factors, economic conditions, or other factors make amendment of the rules necessary.

16. Are there any changes or developments since implementation that demonstrate there is no continued need for the rules, or any portion of the rules?

There are no changes or developments since implementation that demonstrate that there is no continued need for the rules.

17. Is there an applicable decision record (as defined in MCL 24.203(6) and required by MCL 24.239(2))? If so, please attach the decision record.

Yes

Based on the information provided in this RFR, MOAHR concludes that there are sufficient policy and legal bases for approving the RFR. The RFR satisfies the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328, and Executive Order No. 2019-6.