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STATE OF MICHIGAN
MICHIGAN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING

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PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

1:00 p.m.

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G. Mennen Williams Building Auditorium
525 West Ottawa Street
Lansing, Michigan

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Re: Pharmacy - General Rules (MOAHR #2020-128 LR)

HEARING FACILITATOR:

Andria Ditschman

Also Present:

Kerry Przybylo

LeAnn Payne

Reported by: Marie T. Schroeder, CSR-2183

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I N D E X

Comment by Jeff Towns

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1 Journal on August 31, 2021, as well as The Michigan
2 Register Issue No. 16-0221 published on September 15,
3 2021.

4 We're here today to receive your comments
5 on the proposed rules. If you wish to speak, please make
6 sure you have signed in and indicated your willingness to
7 speak. You can use the card provided in the lobby for
8 this purpose. If you would like to speak and have not
9 signed in, please do so now. For those of you who do not
10 wish to sign in with a card, you may speak at the
11 microphone once we have exhausted the stack of cards
12 submitted to me. If you have comments but do not wish to
13 speak, please note that the Department will also accept
14 written comments e-mailed or postmarked to
15 BPL-BoardSupport@Michigan.gov until 5:00 p.m. today.

16 All comments should relate directly to
17 the proposed rules. If you have questions about the
18 rules, you may place your comments on the record and the
19 Department will review and consider them. If you have
20 suggested changes to the proposed rules, please include
21 the specific reasons why the changes would be in the
22 public interest.

23 Those making comments should clearly and
24 slowly say and spell your name and advise if you are
25 speaking on behalf of an organization. We will limit

1 comments to three minutes per person. Please remember
2 that only one person should speak at a time.

3 Other department staff from the Bureau of
4 Professional Licensing attending today are Kerry Przybylo
5 and LeAnn Payne.

6 The first card I have is from Jeff -- Is
7 it Tabas?

8 MR. TOWNS: Towns, like cities.

9 ANDRIA DITSCHMAN: Towns. Jeff Towns
10 from the Michigan Optometric Association. Go ahead and
11 come up to the microphone and speak.

12 MR. TOWNS: Good afternoon. My name is
13 Jeff Towns. I represent the Michigan Optometric
14 Association. My name is spelled J-e-f-f, T-o-w-n-s.

15 The purpose of my remarks today really
16 relates to whether any -- As the exemptions are being
17 debated, are there any considerations on waiver
18 exemptions that are being considered for low volume
19 prescribers, like those in optometry? Optometrists,
20 while they do prescribe and some prescribe more
21 frequently than others, the access to care issue for
22 patients who, should an optometrist choose to no longer
23 prescribe because of the cost associated with the
24 software involved in e-prescribing, that is going to
25 create an issue with access to care for their patients

1 and convenience. And so I just wanted to add those
2 remarks to the record.

3 ANDRIA DITSCHMAN: Thank you. Does
4 anyone else wish to speak? (No response.)

5 We'll take a recess for 15 minutes.
6 Thank you.

7 (Off the record from 1:05 to 1:20 p.m.)

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9 ANDRIA DITSCHMAN: We are going to go
10 back on the record here. Is there anyone else that would
11 like to make a comment on the Pharmacy - General Rules?
12 (No response.)

13 O.K. Seeing none, there is no further
14 comments at this time. I hereby declare the hearing is
15 closed. The record will remain open until 5:00 p.m.
16 today for any other comments you may wish to share about
17 the proposed rules. Thank you for attending.

18 (At 1:22 p.m., the hearing was closed.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Marie T. Schroeder, CSR-2183, do hereby certify that I reported in stenotype the proceedings had at the Public Hearing before the Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulation, at the G. Mennen Williams Building Auditorium, Lansing, Michigan, on Tuesday, September 21, 2021; and do further certify that the foregoing transcript, consisting of seven (7) pages, is a true and correct transcript of my stenotype notes.

Marie T. Schroeder, CSR-2183
Penn Reporting, LLC

Dated: September 24, 2021