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**BOARD OF COMPLEMENTARY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

Maine Administrative Procedure Act

2015 - 2016 Regulatory Agenda

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AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Board of Complementary Health Care Providers**

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**EMERGENCY RULES ADOPTED SINCE THE LAST REGULATORY AGENDA:** None

**EXPECTED 2015-2016 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:** The Board adopted new rules in November 2013. During this reporting period, the Board may address errors and omissions as a result of the recently adopted rules. Errors, omissions, and updates may involve all rules, including but not limited to: definitions, advisory rulings, requirements for licensing of acupuncturists and naturopathic doctors, continuing education requirements, and the code of ethics and standards of practice. The Board may consider updating the rule on prescribing noncontrolled legend drugs by naturopathic doctors in accordance with 32 MRS §12522 and standards for collaborative relationships between a licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician and a naturopathic doctor. Outdated or duplicative rules that may exist in 10 MRS, Part 9, Chapter 901 and rules established by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation as authorized by 10 MRS §8003 will be updated or repealed.

**CHAPTER 1**: Definitions

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §12503

PURPOSE: The chapter defines and clarifies terms used throughout the Board’s rules. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 2**: Advisory Rulings

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §12503

PURPOSE: The chapter sets forth procedures for the issuance of advisory rulings by the Board. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 3**: Licensure Requirement for Acupuncturists

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §§ 12503 (B) and (D),12512

PURPOSE: The chapter establishes requirements for issuance of a license to practice acupuncture, including application, education, experience, and references. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: License applicants

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 3-A**: Certification for the Formulation and Dispensing of Custom-Made Chinese Herbal Formulations

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §12513-A(3)

PURPOSE: The chapter establishes requirements for the certification of licensed acupuncturists to formulate and dispense custom-made Chinese herbal formulations. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: License applicants

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 4**: Licensure Requirement for Naturopathic Doctors

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §12525

PURPOSE: The chapter establishes requirements for issuance of a license to practice naturopathy, including application, education, experience, and references. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: License applicants

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 5**: Standards for Continuing Professional Education for Acupuncturists and Naturopathic Doctors

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §12526

PURPOSE: The chapter states the requirements for continuing education as required for acupuncturists and naturopathic doctors. The Board may need to amend this chapter to conform to rules adopted by the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation on substantiation of continuing education by licensed practitioners.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 6**: Standards Relating to Prescriptive Authorities and Collaborative Relationships

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §§ 12503(1)(A) and (B), 12506

PURPOSE: The formulary listing in this chapter may be subject to updates and/or revisions based on federal or state standards with regard to noncontrolled legend drugs, which may be prescribed according to 32 MRS §12522. Rules adopted pursuant to 32 MRS §12522(4) are major substantive rules (see 32 MRS §12506).

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 7**: Grounds for Discipline

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §12503

PURPOSE: The chapter references the statutory grounds for discipline and includes examples of prohibited conduct. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with current statutes and make changes as needed.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 8**: Code of Ethics

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §12503(B)

PURPOSE: The chapter establishes standards of professional practice in the practice of acupuncture and naturopathic medicine. The Board may review this chapter and make changes to reflect current practice expectations for the protection of the public being served.

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated

**CHAPTER 9**: Fees

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 MRS §§ 12514(2) and 12526 (1)

PURPOSE: The chapter establishes fees and is subject to repeal because fees for this program are now established by the Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (OPOR) in Chapter 10 of OPOR’s rules, as authorized by 10 MRS §8003(2-A)(D).

ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: Not Contemplated