**02-384**

**STATE BOARD OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-384**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional & Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **State Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors**

CONTACT INFORMATION for thE agency **RULEMAKING LIAISON**: Penny Vaillancourt, Director, OPOR, 35 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, 207-441-7153, [penny.vaillancourt@maine.gov](mailto:penny.vaillancourt@maine.gov)

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

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing telehealth services within the scope of practice of the licensee’s license; licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure, and a new rule specifying qualifications for licensure of a Certified Clinical Supervisor.

A review for conformance with statutes and current rules will be conducted and updated as may be necessary, including an update to discontinue the use of the terms “handicap,” “handicapped” and “hearing impaired” pursuant to 36 M.R.S. § 2557, sub-§2.

**CHAPTER 1**: **Definitions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 6212

PURPOSE: This chapter defines certain specialized terms used in the board’s rules. The board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 2**: **Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001(4)

PURPOSE: This chapter provides for the discretionary issuance of advisory rulings by the board. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 3**: **Requirements for Registration as an Alcohol and Drug Counseling Aide (ADCA)**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 6212, 6213-B

PURPOSE: This chapter states the eligibility requirements for registration to practice as an alcohol and drug counseling aide. This chapter also requires ADCAs to provide prompt notice of change of employment. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 4: Requirements for Licensure as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CADC)**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 6212(1), 6214-C, 6216

PURPOSE: This chapter states the eligibility requirements for a certificate to practice as a certified alcohol and drug counselor, including application, education, experience and examination. The board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 5**: **Requirements for Licensure as a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC)**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 6212, 6214-D, 6216

PURPOSE: This chapter states the eligibility requirements for issuance of a license to practice as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, including application, education, experience and examination. The board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 6**: **Standards for Certification of Clinical Supervisors**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 6212, 6214-E, 6216

PURPOSE: This chapter states the eligibility requirements for certification of clinical supervision to alcohol and drug counseling aides, certified alcohol and drug counselors and licensed alcohol and drug counselors. The Board will review this chapter for conformance with P.L. 2019 c. 83 which codifies the requirements of licensure as a certified clinical supervisor.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 7**: **Continuing Professional Education for Alcohol and Drug Counselors, Alcohol and Drug Counseling Aides and Certified Clinical Supervisors**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 6212, 6219, 6219-A, 6219-B

PURPOSE: This chapter describes the continuing education required for renewal of licenses, registrations and certificates. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates to continuing education requirements.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 8**: **Enforcement and Disciplinary Procedures**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 6212, 6217-B

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the right of an applicant or an alcohol and drug counselor, alcohol and drug counseling aide, or certified clinical supervisor to appeal certain board actions. This chapter also specifies the enforcement and disciplinary procedures used by the board and sets forth as standards of practice the board’s interpretation of certain grounds for discipline contained in 32 M.R.S. § 6217-B. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 9**: **Code of Ethics**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 6212(9)

PURPOSE: This chapter contains the Code of Ethics for the performance of alcohol and drug counseling services. The Board may review this chapter for conformance with statutes and make updates as may be necessary.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 6212, 32 M.R.S. § 6235

PURPOSE: To adopt rules to establish standards of practice and appropriate restrictions for the various types and forms of telehealth services.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 6212, sub-12

PURPOSE: To adopt rules to specify qualifications for licensure of a Certified Clinical Supervisor.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER NUMBER and Title: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 10 M.R.S. § 8003-H, § 8003-5-A(D)(7)

PURPOSE: The Board may adopt rules to establish a process to issue a license by endorsement or to grant provisional licenses to applicants from other jurisdictions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within the year.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and members of the public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A