**02-041**

Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

## **ATHLETIC TRAINERS**

2025-2026 Regulatory Agenda

## AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-041**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation, **Athletic Trainers**

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

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

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULE-MAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking to implement P.L. 2025, c. 211 to amend the laws governing the licensing of athletic trainers by updating certain terminology and statutory provisions to align with the national certification organization, the Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer (“BOC”), which is a recognized national organization that establishes the standards for issuing initial certificates to qualified athletic trainers and sets requirements to maintain certification.

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing telehealth services within the scope of practice of the licensee’s license, including licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure.

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 NUMBER AND TITLE: N/A**

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. §§ 14353(4-A), 14356(2)

PURPOSE: A rule may be necessary to add a clarifying definition for Board of Certification for the Athletic Trainer and Athletic Training Student.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary. AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

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

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 14356(4-A)

PURPOSE: A rule may be necessary to increase the amount of time an out-of-state Athletic Trainer may provide services to an out-of-state team from 4 to 14 days.

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. § 14357(1)

PURPOSE: A rule may be necessary to amend the laws governing the licensing of athletic trainers by updating statutory provisions to align with the national certification organization and to streamline the licensing process.

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. § 14363

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: 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