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Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation

**NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS LICENSING BOARD**

2025 - 2026 Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY UMBRELLA-UNIT NUMBER: **02-371**

AGENCY NAME: Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, Office of Professional & Occupational Regulation, **Nursing Home Administrators Licensing Board**

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

**EXPECTED 2025-2026 RULEMAKING ACTIVITY:**

Expected rulemaking will be to implement legislation governing licensure by endorsement and provisional licensure and telehealth services. 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.

The board will update and revise its code of ethics by adopting nearly verbatim the most recent version of the American College of Health Care Administrators Code of Ethics. Rulemaking is expected to review and revise Chapter 23, Multi-Level Long Term Care Facility Administrators: Licensure by examination to clarify newly adopted written rules, and Chapter 26, Licensure of Residential Care Facility Administrators to clarify newly adopted rules and based on based on revisions made to State of Maine Licensing and Certification regulations.

**CHAPTER 20**: **Definitions**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 63-B(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter defines specialized terms used in the Board’s rules. The Board may review and revise its rule on definitions.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**Chapter 21: Advisory Rulings**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 63-B(2); 5 M.R.S. §§ 8051, 9001

PURPOSE: This chapter provides for the discretionary issuance of advisory rulings by the board.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure, licensees, and public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 22**: **Administrator-In-Training Program for Multi-level Long Term Care Facility Administrators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 63-B(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter describes the AIT Program that must be completed by individuals applying for the licensure by examination as a multi-level long-term care facility administrator.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 23**: **Multi-Level Long Term Care Facility Administrators: Licensure by Examination**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 63-B(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for licensure by examination as a multi-level long term care facility administrator.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 24:** Is reserved for a rule to establish licensure by endorsement Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. §80003-H

**CHAPTER 25:** **Licensure of Nursing Home Administrators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 63-B(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for licensure of Nursing Home Administrators. The Board no longer issues new nursing home administrator licenses but would allow any individual who holds such a license in Maine to continue to renew that license.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and existing licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 26: Licensure of Residential Care Facility Administrators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 63-B(2), 64-B; 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5-A)(D)(5)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for licensure by examination pathway or experience pathway as a residential care facility administrators.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure and licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 27**: **Temporary Licensure of Administrators**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 63-B(2)

PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for temporary licensure of multi-level long term care facility administrators and residential care facility administrators. SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Applicants for licensure.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 28**: **License Renewal, Continuing Education, and Inactive Status**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. §§ 63-B(2), 65

PURPOSE: This chapter describes the license renewal process, the continuing education requirement, and inactive status licensure.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 29: Preceptor Training**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 10 M.R.S. § 8003(2-A)(D)

# PURPOSE: This chapter sets forth the requirements for preceptor training.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees who wish to be preceptors to AIT’s.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

**CHAPTER 30**: **Code of Ethics**

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 32 M.R.S. § 63-B(2)

PURPOSE: The board will update and revise its code of ethics by adopting nearly verbatim the most recent version of the American College of Health Care Administrators Code of Ethics.

SCHEDULE FOR ADOPTION: Within one year, if necessary.

AFFECTED PARTIES: Licensees and public.

CONSENSUS-BASED RULE DEVELOPMENT: N/A

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

STATUTORY BASIS: 32 M.R.S. § 69

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