

Rulemaking Fact Sheet

(5 MRS §8057-A)

AGENCY: Workers' Compensation Board

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE: Chapter 4 Independent Medical Examiner

TYPE OF RULE (*check one*): ☒ Routine Technical ☐ Major Substantive

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 39-A M.R.S.A. § 312

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING: Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 10:00. To be held at 442 Civic Center Drive, Suite 100 in Augusta and via Zoom Meeting ID: 817 6051 1136 Passcode: 36146935

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/81760511136?pwd=VEI4S3plTDNsN0thSGdxZ0laT2NJUT09>

COMMENT DEADLINE: Oral – October 5, 2023, written – October 13, 2023

PRINCIPAL REASON(S) OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(A)&(C)]

To emphasize the importance of independence when acting as an independent medical examiner.

IS MATERIAL INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE IN THE RULE? ____YES XNO [§8056(1)(B)]

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(B)&(D)]

The new criteria will be applied during the Board's annual review of the performance of independent medical examiners.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF RELEVANT INFORMATION CONSIDERED DURING DEVELOPMENT OF THE RULE (including up to 3 primary sources relied upon) [*see* §§8057-A(1)(E) & 8063-B]

The primary sources of information relied upon by the Board were: 1) Information received from representatives of employees, employers, and insurers; and 2) professional judgement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(1)(C)] None

FOR EXISTING RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:
[*see* §8057-A(2)(A)]

INDIVIDUALS, MAJOR INTEREST GROUPS AND TYPES OF BUSINESSES AFFECTED
AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED: [*see* §8057-A(2)(B)]

BENEFITS OF THE RULE: [*see* §8057-A(2)(C)]

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.

Administrative Procedure Act