

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: Med 20

Relating to: Implementation of the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact

Rule Type: Permanent

1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only): N/A

2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to implement the statutory changes from 2025 Wisconsin Act 76.

3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

The Board intends to review and update Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter Med 20, Respiratory Care Practitioners, to align with the statutory changes from 2025 Wisconsin Act 76, which ratified the respiratory care interstate compact. An alternative would be to not revise the administrative code and there will be inconsistencies between the statute and the code.

4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

Section 15.08 (5) (b), Stats. states that "The Board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession."

Section 448.40 (1), Stats., provides that "[t]he board may promulgate rules to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, including rules requiring the completion of continuing education, professional development, and maintenance of certification or performance improvement or continuing medical education programs for renewal of a license to practice medicine and surgery."

Section 448.98895 (3))b), Stats. states that "[s]ubject to s. 448.9889 and any rules promulgated thereunder, ss. 440.20 to 440.22 and the rules promulgated under s. 440.03 (1) shall apply to an individual who holds a compact privilege in the same manner that they apply to holders of certificates issued under subch. II."

5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule:

Approximately 80 hours

6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule:

Wisconsin credentialed respiratory care practitioners and those looking to apply for licensure or compact privileges.

7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule: None.

8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):

The proposed rule will have minimal to no economic impact on small businesses and the state's economy as a whole.

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